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A BIG BARGAIN IN BEGONIAS

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE a year, and seven fine Tubers of Double Tuberous Begonias, in seven colors—White, Yellow, Orange, Salmon, Rose, Scarlet and Crimson, all mailed this month, for only 30 cts., or three lots for 80 cts.; five lots \$1.25, and one bulb each of Gladiolus Trimaclatus and Pink Amaryllis for getting up the club this month.



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I HAVE A SURPLUS STOCK OF 100,000 TUBEROUS BEGONIAS, FINEST STRAINS, imported from Belgium Florists this season, and I offer them at a special bargain, as I wish to get them all off of my hands this month. These bulbs are in fine condition, full of vitality, and offered in the leading colors. I hope my friends will all avail themselves of this bargain offer. Heretofore such tubers of choice Double Tuberous Begonias supplied to color have not sold at less than 10 cts. each by retail florists. I may have none to offer next month, so tell your friends, get up a club at once, and secure the bulbs before it is too late. I guarantee them to please you. If they do not, return them and I will cheerfully return your money. Cultural directions sent with each collection. Let me hear from you this month. If preferred I will send seven Large-flowered, Single Begonias in same colors, or five Fringed Begonias, five colors; or three collections, Double, Single and Fringed, 19 bulbs, all for 75 cts. Address

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Acacia lophantha, Fern Tree.
Ageratum, large-flowered, dwarf sorts, fine for beds or pots, mixed.
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Aster, Park's Quilled, best yellow.

Aster, two feet high, very fine.

Aster, Ostrich Feather, large-flowered, many handsome colors.

Aster, New Victoria, large flowers, double, imbricated petals.

Aster, Hohenzollern, fine fringed flowers; like a Chrysanthemum.

Aster, New Marvel, globe flowered, double, white blood-red centre.

Balsam, Improved Camellia-flowered, double as a Camellia, all shades, spotted, easily grown annual; handsome; mixed colors.

Browallia, New Giant, big blue flowers in profusion; pot plants.

Bellis, Giant Double Daisy, hardy edging, also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose and crimson, finest mixed.

Calliopsis, New Compact, crimson, gold, marbled, mixed.

Candytuft, beautiful if grown in masses; all varieties mixed.

Canna, New Gladiolus-flowered; Crozy's finest mixed; splendid.

Capsicum, Ornamental Peppers, all shapes and sizes, colors mixed.

Carnations, Hybrid early flowering, large double flowers from white to crimson, striped and marked; finest mixture of colors.

Celosia, Coxcomb, beautiful comb-like heads of rich bloom; mixed.

Centaurea, annual, superb flowers for bouquets or button-holes.

Chrysanthemum, Annual, a foot high, double and single, all colors mixed; very handsome.

Clarkia, Double and Single, splendid varieties; elegant in beds.

Cosmos, Early fall flowers, rose, white, crimson and yellow, a fine cut flower for vases; mixed.

Dahlia, Double and single, all colors; as easily raised as Zinnias.

Datura, big trumpet-like flowers, very fragrant, in fine mixture.

Dimorphotheca aurantiaca, New African Daisy golden flowers.

Dianthus, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red, mixed.

Delphinium, (Larkspur), double, blooms freely; all colors mixed.

Eschscholtzia, California Poppy silver foliage; pretty flowers.

Gaillardia grandiflora, a hardy perennial; flowers continuously produced all season; mixed.

Godetia, splendid annual, showy in beds; finest mixture.

Helianthus, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; fine in group.

Hibiscus, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, golden flowers.

Impatiens, Sultani and Holsti, fine everblooming bedding and pot plants; mixed.

Lavatera, Hollyhock-like, annual; white, rose, red, mixed.

Leucanthemum, Shasta Daisy; white, large, fine; hardy perennial.

Lobelia, perpetual blue, flowers large, blue, white eye; beautiful.

Mignonette, fine for bee pasture; very sweet; oz. 10c, lb. \$1.25.

Mimulus, Gloxinia-flowered, orange, tinged, white, red, spotted.

Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors, fine.

Marigold, African and French, Double sorts, all colors, mixed.

Myosotis, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early sorts, all colors.

Nemesia strumosa, new colors, large-flowered, showy, mixed.

Nicotiana Affinis, mixed colors, fragrant; beautiful.

Nicotiana Sanderia, mixed colors, profuse bloomer; handsome.

Nigella Damascena, Love in a Mist, white and blue, double, mixed.

Pansy, large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; colors mixed.

Job's Tears, (Coix), grass; bead like seeds, for fancy work; worn about the neck for croup and sore throat; 50 seeds 8 cts, 1 oz. 25 cts.

Enothera, Evening Primrose, large-flowered, golden yellow.

Petunia, Single, large-flowered, finest seeds, mixed colors.

Petunia, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors.

Phlox, Drummondii, large-flowered, everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; elegant for pots, all colors mixed.

Poppy, large-flowered Shirley, fine flowers, pretty shades; mixed.



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ACONITUM

Poppy, a fine mixture of Carnation flowered, Ranunculus - flowered, Pæony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all the finest colors.

Poppy, Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers, rich shades, mixed.

Portulaca, double and single in all colors from white to crimson.

Ricinus, New Giant and other sorts mixed, for groups, hedges.

Salvia, early-flowered kinds, very showy in masses; best mixture.

Salpiglossis, large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixture.

Scabiosa, Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., excellent for bouquets; mixture.

Schizanthus, Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms, in profusion; many colors, all richly marked.

Senecio Elegans, an elegant dwarf plants for beds and edgings; very handsome free-blooming; mixed.

Stock, Ten Weeks', Giant Excel-

sior, earliest blooming Stock, large spikes of Rose-like, sweet-scented flowers of handsome colors.

Tropeolum, (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for beds or pots; rich colors, free-blooming all summer; mixed, oz. 15 cts.

Valeriana, a foot high; small flowers in big clusters; fine mixed.

Verbena, Mammoth-flowered, sweet-scented flowers in large clusters; large blooms; all colors.

Viola, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture, all colors, white to purple.

Wallflower, New Parisian, large flower clusters, sweet-scented.

Zinnia, New Mammoth, in fine mixture of all colors, flowers very large and showy as Dahlias, covering plant with mass of bloom.

EVERLASTINGS.

Acroclinium, mixed; **Ammobium alatum**; **Gomphrena**, mixed; **Helipterum Sanfordii**; **Helichrysum montrosum**, mixed; **Rhodanthe**, mixed; **Gypsophilla**, mixed; **Xeranthemum**, mixed; **Briza maxima**, Grass. I can supply separate packets of all of these.

FINE ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Cardiospermum, Love in a puff, trellis vine; inflated capsules.

Cypress Vine, white, rose and scarlet mixed; fine foliage.

Cobaea Scandens, rapid climber, 30 feet high; big purple bells.

Dolichos, Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, big bean clusters.

Gourds and Cucumbers, fine lot of best sorts; mixture of all.

Gourd, Nest Egg, robust vine; the fruits fine for nest eggs.

Hop, Japanese, variegated vine.

Ipomoea, splendid sorts mixed.

Maurandya, lovely vine, mixed.

Morning Glory, single and double; also Japanese sorts mixed.

Sweet Peas, mixed, oz. 5 cts.

Thunbergia alata, lovely vine, bearing an abundance of rich bloom all season; mixed.

Tropeolum, Climbing Nasturtium. Mixed ¼ lb. 20 cts, oz. 5 cts.

HARDY BIENNIALS AND PERENNIALS.

Aquilegia, Columbine, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed.

Alyssum, Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft high.

Arabis alpina, white, early flower; 8 in.; fine for edging or bed.

Adlumia, Achillea, Adenophora, Adonis, Agrostemma, Ajuga, Aubrietia, Anemone, each 5 cts.

Campanula, Canterbury Bell; 2 feet; rich-colored bells, mixed.

Carnation, Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; mixed.

Centaurea, Cerastium, Chelone, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Crucianella, Dianthus, Gaillardia, 5 cts.

Delphinium, Orchid-flowering, hardy perennial; big spikes, rich.

Digitalis, Foxglove, hardy biennials, long spikes, drooping bells.

Hollyhock, Chater's Double very finest strain of fluffy blooms.

Linum Perenne, Perennial Flax, rich-flowered bedding plant, mxd.

Pinks and Picotees, fine garden plants, flowers double, rich.

Platycodon, hardy perennials; blue and white flowers, mixed.

Perennial Phlox, a grand perennial; seeds start tardily; mixed.

Perennial Poppy, huge foliage, rich bloom; finest hybrids.

Perennial Pea, Everblooming, large clusters, red, white, mixed.

Primrose, hardy, spring-blooming edging; many rich colors.

Sweet William, Single, double, large; white, crimson, variegated.

Pyrethrum, Perennial Cosmos; fine foliage, Cosmos-like bloom.

CHOICE WINDOW GARDEN SEEDS.

Abutilon, Chinese Maple, bell-flowers, white, yellow, red, mixed.

Asparagus, ornamental, mixed.

Begonia, Fibrous and Tuberos root; everblooming, all colors.

Calceolaria, large, spotted, rich-colored clusters, mixed.

Cineraria, large-flowered, winter-blooming plants; showy. Mixed.

Coleus, New Fancy, fine pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture.

Cyclamen, large-flowered, winter-bloomers, colors mixed.

Cyperus, Umbrella Plant, a lovely water plant; grown in a large pot it is as fine as a Palm.

Geranium, Zonale, choice, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts.

Gloxinia, large-flowered, easily grown from seeds; fine mixture.

Heliotrope, New Lemoine sorts, big clusters of sweet flowers.

Jerusalem Cherry, a splendid pot plant with showy scarlet and orange berries.

Lantana, New Dwarf and Large sorts mixed.

Primula Obconica, mixed.

Primrose, Chinese Fringed, fine flowers, many lovely colors.

Smilax, Boston, an exquisite pot vine, graceful and easily grown.

Torenia, lovely, free-blooming pot plant of easy culture, mixed.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.



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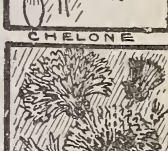
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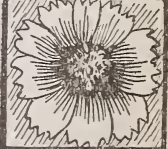
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MAYING.

While Maying I will seek the shade
Where Bluebirds come and Robins follow.
And there 'mong rocks in quiet glade,
Bright Columbines dancing in the hollow.

And next I'll journey on, until
Some Crowfoot Violets I find;
And by the brook, at foot of hill,
Sweet white ones grow, another kind.

And when a shadeless spot is found
Where zephyrs drift and sunbeams flow,
There, where dried twigs and leaves abound,
The Star Grass' golden sheen doth show.

The orchard's bloom wafts sweet perfume
Thro' pastures low, where lambskins play;
Thus Nature greets my home return
Before the summer-heat of day.

Fred A. Cunningham.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Jan. 20, 1910.

Chickweed.—I noticed what you said recently about Chickweed. It is a wild, volunteer plant here, under favorable conditions covering the ground with a carpet of green. But it is only found in patches and along the hedges, as cultivation of the soil destroys it. Chickens will leave a patch of wheat, barley or rye for Chickweed; hence its name, I suppose.

W. F. Dickinson.

Lee Co., Ala., Feb. 25, 1910.

Double Violets South.—It is a real sorrow that we cannot get the Double Blue Violets to grow here in South Carolina. Many people have never seen them. I tried to grow them last year, but my plants all died. The large single Violets luxuriate here.

L. F. H.

Columbia, S. C., April 5, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Florida.—Dear Mr. Park:—I have thirteen kinds of Begonia. Some are so large I use 50-pound lard-cans to grow them in. My Ricinus-leaved Begonia is now in full bloom, and is certainly lovely. I have six kinds of Cactus, including two plants of the Giant or Tree Cactus, one for each end of my porch. These are now three feet tall, and still growing. I hope to see them blooming this spring.

My Roses do not do much, as we have a row of big Oak trees and Pride of India around the yard. But I have a Deutzia, Hibiscus, Altheas, Poppies, all kinds of Lilies and a Tuberose; but the buds of the Tuberose do not open nicely. I have an extra large bed of Violets that is lovely now.

Mrs. Charles McDonell.

Williston, Fla., April 1, 1910.

Note.—If some hay or stable litter were placed about the Tuberose the buds would open better, as it would keep the soil moist and cool, and thus promote the development of the buds. The same is good also for Lilies.—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—My tuberous Begonias I had last year were just a wonder. They grew well and bloomed beautifully. * * * Grandma is 83 years old today and is out in the yard working among the plants and flowers. She is an ardent lover of flowers. * * * I have a bed of Violets that began to bloom March 13th. I picked 700 flowers the first week. A week later I picked a half gallon of blooms for a dinner party. The flowers were large and fine. The bed is beneath a big Elm tree. Laura Weldy.

Iowa City, Ia., March 27, 1910.

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TOBACCO SMOKE.

Dear Mr. Park:--I am so glad to see the stand you take against tobacco. I have often wondered who gave one man the right to poison the air which his wife and children, not to mention strangers, must breathe. One can smell a tobacco smoker for a considerable distance, and air in a large room is often made offensive by the presence of even one person who has recently indulged in a pipe or cigar.

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MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:--I like your Floral Magazine very much. I take it in preference to two others I used to take before my notice was called to yours. Mrs. Ida Slaughaupt. Clarion Co., Pa., March 28, 1910.

Mr. Park:--I have been a subscriber to your Magazine for years, and must say I have never had anything more helpful in my flower work. Mrs. N. Browne. Drew Co., Ark., Feb. 27, 1910.

Mr. Park:--Your Floral Magazine is not much for looks, but is one of the most interesting periodicals which come to our house. Mrs. N. D. Pratt. Indianapolis, Ind., April 4, 1910.

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EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Florida Products.—A correspondent from Illinois wants to know what fruits and nuts flourish at St. Petersburg, Fla., and if poultry would not be profitable there. She also wants to know what the country people do for a living.

The chief industry is the growing of oranges, tangerines and grape fruit. These do well, and there are many groves in bearing, ranging in size from five to thirty-five or more acres. Other fruits are loquats or Japanese plums (*Eriobotrya Japonica*), which grow upon an evergreen shrub or tree, and bear a delicious, cherry-like fruit in big, terminal panicles; mango (*Mangifera Indica*), a delicious, golden fruit the size of a hen's egg, borne in large clusters; Surinam cherry (*Eugenia uniflora*), an excellent, scarlet fruit freely produced for several months; guava, in variety (*Psidium*); Japanese persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*), mulberry (*Morus*), peach, pear and plum. Pecans can be profitably grown; also strawberries. The Avocado pear (*Persea gratissima*) is a fruit borne on a large evergreen tree, and much prized as a salad. Pineapples are grown in large sheds.

A poultry yard could be made profitable if properly attended to. There is a good demand for eggs and chickens, and at profitable prices. This, as also gardening, can be advantageously pursued by an intelligent person, who will conduct the work in a business-like way. Fishing is regarded as a paying business, as the waters abound with fine fish. As to the country people, I think they mostly get their living by "hook or crook," as that term is applied; that is, they try to turn the various things that come in their way into elements of human existence. A farmer cannot conduct his vocation there as at the North. The land is mostly sand, and, excepting boggy places, it will produce crops of vegetables or farm produce only when well fertilized.

From what I know of good labor and the wages received, any intelligent, industrious, able workman ought to make a living there. Carpenters, plasterers, masons, plumbers and many others are well paid, and building is continually in progress. But little fuel is required, and less clothing than at the North. But Florida is not a place for an indolent man or sick, enfeebled man to go if he does not have money. To dig a living out of the sand requires grit and a modicum of good sense. The climate at St. Petersburg, however, is as near perfect as can be found in the United States, and with health, leisure and money a residence there is an earthly paradise.

GOSSIP.

Hints.—I think to succeed with a house Fern, or, in fact, any house plant, is to give frequent sprinklings. Place the Fern or plant in a tub or sink and sprinkle well. I put my Primroses in a cool window and give plenty of water. In the spring I repot them and set them in a shady place on the north side of the house for the summer. Salvias will blossom much better, and are thriftier, in a sunny place.

Donald A. Wright.

Yates Co., N. Y., April 4, 1910.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma will give me a corner of the garden for flowers and vegetables, and I hope to have a nice lot. I have a pet lamb. It is black, and so innocent! I have a typewriter, and find it useful. I enjoy your Magazine, and miss it very much when I fail to receive it.

Marsha Washburn.

Warren Co., N. Y., Feb. 23, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and help mamma with her flowers. She has two Amaryllis, three Cactuses, a Begonia and several Geraniums, and all are very pretty.

Constance Cosser.

Shelby Co., Ohio, March 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm boy, 7 years old. My mamma has lots of flowers. My papa has sheep, and gives me a pet lamb every spring. I have also a pair of Canary birds and a dog. I often go fishing.

Tommy B. Shaw.

Hancock Co., Ill., March 23, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 10 years, and enjoy your Magazine very much. I like birds and flowers. A little bird built its nest in the Peach tree in our yard. We are planning for a flower-garden this summer.

Mollie Phelps.

Johnson Co., Ark., March 18, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a farm, and go to school. My papa has five horses, and I love to ride horseback. I have a pet dog named Ring, and a rabbit named Bunny. My mamma has taken your Magazine for several years, and I love to read it.

Ethelyn Bowles, aged 10 years.

Steuben Co., N. Y., March 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have seedlings started of Carnations and Sweet Williams, and some potted Hepaticas are in bud. I am fond of Sweet Williams and the different kinds of Iris, of which we have white and yellow. Every morning a host of little birds sing in the Apple tree by our house. I love them dearly, and would not have a cat that would catch them. There are many wild flowers here, such as Cowslips, Buttercups, Painted Cups, Dandelions, Spring Beauties, Hepaticas, AdderTongues, blue, white and yellow Violets and Wind flowers.

Grace M. Isbell.

Hartford Co., Conn., March 12, 1910.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am ten years old, and go a mile to school. My mamma has taken your Magazine for twelve years, and has lots of flowers. My favorite is the Carnation. The Bluebirds and Robins have come, and we are working in our garden.

Clemmie Driesbach.

Northumberland Co., Pa., April 7, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer girl 12 years old. I like to herd cattle and am fond of music. Postals exchanged.

Elsie Biddle.

Gallatin, Mo., R. F. D. No. 1.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old and live on a farm. I am a great lover of music and flowers. Postals exchanged.

Mabel Melstead.

Hamilton, Mo., R. F. D. No. 4.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am an eleven-year-old farmer girl. I have lots of pleasures on the farm. We raise chickens, and they are very cunning little black ones. Papa raises calves and we have lots of fun with them. Postals exchanged.

Clara Noyes.

Valley, Neb., April 6, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am sending for some flower seeds, and I want your Magazine, as I love to read it. Mamma has lots of nice flowers. I am fond of flowers, and we had some of the nicest ones I ever saw.

Mildred Rutledge.

Athens Co., Ohio, March 15, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 13 years, and I certainly enjoy your Magazine. I like the pictures as well as the reading. I love to roam in the woods and gather Violets and other spring flowers. I go to school and am fond of my books.—A Tennessee girl.

Eva Bishop.

Hardin Co., Tenn., Feb. 18, 1910.



Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country girl of 12 years. I go to school in winter, and help papa and mamma in summer; the rest of the time I play with my pets and tend my flowers. I have a horse I call Morgan; I ride him once or twice every day.

Hallie Faries.

Gibson Co., Ind., March 19, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 7 years. I have a Bantam rooster and two hens. My aunt takes your Magazine, and I love to read the children's letters. Mamma and aunt have a beautiful flower garden every summer. They have Roses and Lilies and Pansies and Violets and many more.

Erwin Rau.

Perry Co., Ind., March 21, 1910.

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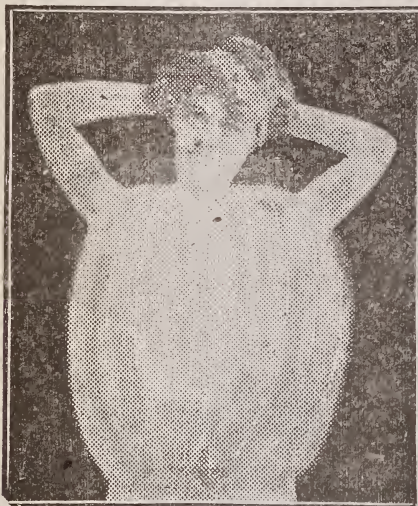
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MAY.

Oh! charming is the month of May,
When skies o'erhead are quite serene,
And flowers everywhere are seen,
Which smooth and cheer the mortal's way.

The queen of all the months is May,
When leaves are full on all the trees,
And bracing comes the balmy breeze,
While birds are singing all the day.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

ABOUT PHLOX DRUMMONDII

PHLOX DRUMMONDII is a native of Texas, but has been in cultivation since 1835. At first the flowers and clusters were small, but the colors, mostly shades

of red or purple, were bright, and seen even in its native haunts it was a very attractive flower. Since its introduction, however, it has been very much improved, so that it has become one of our most beautiful and useful annuals. Perhaps the most popular race at present is that known as Phlox Drummondii

grandiflora. In this there are many varieties, showing colors from white to deep purple and blue, and stripes and markings of great diversity and beauty. The plants are robust in growth, bear large clusters and flowers of extraordinary size and substance.

Phlox Drummondii hortensiaeflora has smaller flowers, but the large, graceful clusters, of brilliant colors, make it especially attractive for beds, for which purpose it is especially recommended.

The new Phlox known as Nana compacta has flowers as large as those of the P. hortensiaeflora, while the plants are low and compact, and each becomes a globular mass of flowers hardly more than eight inches high. A great many varieties appear in this race, and it has become popular, not only for pots and window-boxes, but for beds and borders as well. A plant of this race is shown in the engraving.

The Star or Cuspidate varieties, as also those with fringed petals, are odd in appearance, but not so showy as the plain varieties of Phlox Drummondii. They are pretty, but will never become popular while there are other races so much more attractive.



PHLOX, NANA COMPACTA.

All are easily raised from seeds, and the plants begin to bloom when young and small, continuing throughout the season. They should have a place in every flower-garden.

Oxalis.

If you have an Oxalis that fails to put forth bloom, repot it in a gravelly soil with which a small quantity of bone-dust has been

well incorporated, and give a partially shaded place. It will soon reward you with flowers.

Azalea and Mountain Laurel.

These wild plants are found in well-drained soil liberally charged with iron, and nearly free from lime. Both are difficult to transplant, and will refuse to grow in a rich limestone soil. If you wish to be sure of success get soil from the place in which they are growing, fill an excavation, then set the plants in it.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence from all who love and cultivate flowers.

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MAY, 1910.

Circulation Bulletin.

Number of copies printed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters, for April, 516,300.

Number of copies mailed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by Postoffice receipts, for April, 513,725.

Gloxinia Compost.—A good compost for Gloxinias can be made with leaf-mold, sand and well-rotted cow manure, well mixed. It is not well to heat it, as it seems to take the life or vitality out of it. A good compost for Gloxinias can be prepared by piling the green weeds, grass, scrapings of walks and other refuse from the summer garden, and letting it remain until the following spring. This will be loose, rich and porous, and in just the right condition for use. Tuberous and Rex Begonias, as well as Gloxinias, thrive in a compost of this kind.

Seedling Oranges.—Seedling oranges or lemons will not bloom until they are ten or fifteen years old. It is always better to have them grafted with scions from a blooming tree. This should be done in the spring, about the time the sap begins to flow. Or it may be budded about the time that the summer growth is completed, which is in July or August. When grafting or budding it would be well to get a scion or bud from a good sweet orange or a good lemon. The Otaheite Orange and Wonder Lemon are grown more for ornament than for economical use.

Worms.—To get rid of angle worms, let the soil in the pots become almost dry, then apply lime-water liberally, and pat the soil. The worms will soon appear on the surface and can be removed.

LAVATERA ARBOREA VARI-EGATA.

THE EDITOR received the following inquiry from a subscriber at Rimersburg, Pa.:

Mr. Editor:—I inclose a leaf of a plant raised from a packet of mixed seeds. What is it? It is just one year old, is a thrifty plant, but loses



LAVATERA ARBOREA VARIEGATA LEAF.

its lower leaves, so that the stalk is now three feet high, with a dozen leaves clustered at the top. I have it in a half-gallon tin pail, the soil being leaf-mold, sand and garden-earth mixed. I give it lots of water, also liquid manure once a week. The drainage is good. Why does it drop its leaves?—Mrs. I. S., Clarion Co., Pa., March 28, 1910.

The plant is of *Lavatera arborea variegata*, which shows leaves with more distinct variegation of green and yellow as it increases in age. It has a habit of dropping its lower leaves if the conditions are in the least unfavorable. It is easily grown from seeds, and valuable only for its foliage, as the flowers are insignificant in size and appearance.

Rubber Plant.—The Rubber Plant (*Ficus elastica*) is one of the easiest of window plants to grow. It thrives in almost any rich, well-drained soil, whether sandy or tenacious. It is tedious and difficult to start from a cutting, and florists often cut a nick each side of young buds, then tie a bunch of sphagnum moss over it, keeping wet until the roots form, when it is entirely separated and potted. When a plant is once established it will endure much ill-usage before it will die.

Lavender.—It is not always possible to obtain reliable seeds of Lavender. When fresh and vital seeds are sown they come up well in from ten days to two weeks, the time varying according to the freshness of the seeds, or the conditions to which they are subjected.

Sweet Peas and Lice.—To rid the vines of Sweet Peas of lice place chopped tobacco stems on each side of the row, and dust the vines with tobacco dust. This will be found an effectual remedy.

GERANIUM FUNGUS.

THE IVY-LEAVED Geraniums are sometimes troubled with a fungus which blisters the leaves, and causes them to turn brown and die. The remedy generally



DISEASED GERANIUM LEAF.

recommended is to dust the foliage with a mixture of quicklime and sulphur, equal parts, and apply some of the same material to the soil, stirring it into the surface.

Gather and burn the diseased leaves as they appear, to prevent the scattering of the spores. If the disease does not leave in due time discard the plant and replace it with a healthy one.

Water Lilies.—To grow Water Lilies in a tub get rich garden soil, mix manure with it and place in the bottom of the tub at least to the height of six inches. On this lay your Lily roots, placing a long, narrow stone over each to keep it in place. Then fill the tub with water. To keep the water fresh, clean and sweet stir a little lime water into it occasionally. In winter set the tub in the cellar, if in a cold climate, or immerse it in water where the roots will not freeze. The white Water Lily will bear some frost, but it is well to avoid severe cold. In a pond where the water is two feet deep the roots will winter safely without attention. It is well, however, to keep a lookout for muskrats, which are injurious at times.

Cyclamen.—Cyclamen plants like a rich, porous, sandy soil, and a partially shaded situation. They must be regularly and judiciously watered. If neglected in this respect the plants become stunted, and are a long time recovering. Seedlings will bloom in from fifteen to eighteen months if properly cared for.



Tuberoses.—Remove the offsets on your Tuberose bulbs before setting the bulbs. Avoid planting until the ground is warm. A slightly shaded situation is preferable. Mulch the bed with stable litter as hot weather approaches. As an old bulb often has several flower germs it is worth planting, though not always sure to bloom.

ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

MRS. SPECK, of Washington State, sends a spray of this plant, asking its name, and if the removal of some of its little tubers will injure it. The clump can be divided, or the tubers with a sprout may be taken off for propagation without injury, or the single tubers may be removed, but they will not form plants unless an eye or sprout



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

is taken with them. The plant becomes large with age, and should be shifted into a larger pot or vase as it grows. The branches will often grow three or four feet long, branching and making a graceful and beautiful display. It will grow in any rich, well-drained soil. It should have a season of rest once a year, at which time some of the branches will turn yellow, and should be cut back.

San Jose Scale.—The beautiful, old-fashioned shrub known as Flowering Almond is subject to San Jose Scale, and where that tree pest abounds the Flowering Almond soon becomes infested and dies unless sprayed with the lime-sulphur solution used by the orchardmen. The Scarlet-flowered Japan Quince, which was formerly so beautiful in early spring, is another shrub that can hardly be grown now on account of the scale. In buying shrubs avoid these unless you have facilities for spraying, as the scale will soon ruin them if they are attacked.

Various Seedlings.—Bird of Paradise (*Poinciana Gilliesii*) and Monkey Flower (*Mimulus*) are easily raised from seeds sown in porous, sandy soil. The former likes a sunny place, and will germinate in two weeks; the latter likes partial shade, and will start in ten days. Both will grow in almost pure sand, and both thrive in a moist atmosphere. Abutilons start from seeds in twenty days, and the plants delight in a rich garden-loam with good drainage.

HELLEBORUS VIRIDIS.

FROM Portage county, Ohio, comes the following note, with the pressed bud and flower referred to:

Mr. Editor:—I inclose a flower and a bud of a plant for you to name. I have had it for two years, and can find no person who can name it for me. The flowers remain on all summer.—Mrs. J. C., Ohio, March 29, 1910.

The plant is botanically known as *Helleborus viridis*. It is not a native of America,



HELLEBORUS VIRIDIS.

but is found in waste places, locally adventive from Europe. It has been reported from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as well as Ohio. It has pretty foliage, and its large, well-formed green flowers always excite curiosity. It is entirely hardy, of easy culture, and worthy of a place in a perennial collection.

MIGNONETTE.

SWEET MIGNONETTE is known in Botany as *Reseda odorata*. It may be grown in the garden as an annual, or in pots as a shrub. In either case it bears spikes of red or yellow flowers, not distinct in color, and not showy, but chaste and graceful, and emitting a fragrance that everybody



MIGNONETTE.

adores. As seedlings begin to bloom when young and continue in bloom until frost, the plant can be recommended. The seeds germinate in five or six days, and the plants can bloom in the seed-bed, or be transplanted. They should be in a rather sunny place, to avoid mildew, and must not stand too close together. A foot apart is the proper distance for setting the plants. The newer varieties are more robust and showy than the older kinds, and the dwarf compact sorts are preferable for pots. Bee-keepers find the Mignonette valuable for bee-pasture, and often sow acres of it for that purpose. At least a few plants of Mignonette should be found in every garden. The seeds can be obtained at five cents per packet.

REX BEGONIAS.

THESE will not thrive in a tenacious, baking compost that many of the fibrous-rooted Begonias may be grown in. They require a loose, porous soil that will not bake or get hard. The best material that can be obtained is simply rotted garden refuse with a little sand added. The weeds, grass, scrapings of walks, and dry leaves gathered from the garden during summer should be piled up in some corner and left



REX BEGONIA.

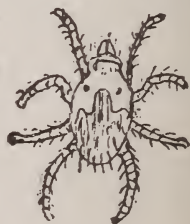
undisturbed till the following spring. It will then be sufficiently rotted for use, and in it, with a little sharp sand added, Rex Begonias will grow amazingly. The plants like a moist atmosphere, good drainage, and partial shade, especially at mid-day. Much of the trouble with Rex Begonias comes from using a soil to which the plants are not adapted, and using pots that are too large for the comfort of the roots. The soil suggested, in pots of moderate size, according to the size of the plants, will result in beautiful, well-colored foliage and a healthy growth.

Tuberous Begonias After Blooming.

—Tuberous Begonias that have bloomed during the summer should be allowed to ripen and drop their branches in autumn by withholding water from the soil. The tubers may then be taken out, placed in paper bags and kept in a cool room during winter, the temperature being about fifty degrees. Where but few bulbs are kept they may be allowed to remain in the dry soil in the pots, simply covering with dry sand till repotting time. Avoid frost, as well as heat, and free exposure to the air.

Gloxinias Curling.

—When the leaves of Gloxinias turn brown and curl downward, it is an evidence that they are troubled with red spider, a mite that infests the under side of the foliage, especially where the atmosphere is dry and hot. A remedy is to syringe the foliage underneath with soapsuds as warm as the hand will bear. Badly infested leaves should be removed and burned.



RED SPIDER.

Passion Vine. — Some of the named Passion vines bloom well in pots, but *Constance Elliot* and seedling *Passiflora corulea* are not of that class. They do better bedded out in a greenhouse or conservatory.

THE LONG-SPURRED COLUMBINE.

TOBACCO.

FEW herbaceous perennials surpass the species and varieties of Columbine in gracefulness, showiness and beauty, and the ease with which they may be started from seeds and cared for, together with their prolonged period of bloom, has brought them into increased popularity.

The plants like partial shade and moisture, and once established they will live and bloom for years. The frost has hardly left the earth until the exquisite clusters of foliage begin to push above the ground, and very soon the nodding buds begin to swell, quickly developing into pleasing, swaying, delicate-textured bloom. They always make a fine display, and elicit enthusiastic praise.

The engraving shows a group of the flowers of Long-spurred Columbine, but their beauty in color, texture and form can only be realized by seeing a bed of the plants in bloom. Now is the time to start the plants, and those who buy and sow seeds of the choicest species and varieties of Columbine will feel thankful that their attention was here called to the beauty of these fine, hardy, herbaceous perennials.



GROUP OF LONG-SPURRED COLUMBINES.

Yucca.—*Yucca filamentosa* and *Yucca gloriosa* are both perfectly hardy, and are so tenacious that if the top is injured or broken other shoots will appear. Indeed, a root may be lifted and cut up into parts, and each part will make a plant. Plants may also be readily started from seeds. When a plant blooms the part bearing the flower-stalk loses its energy, but new shoots appear which will develop flower-stems in future years. On this account the plants, unless large and clumpy, cannot be depended upon to bloom every year. Yuccas will thrive in sand as well as loam, and in dry weather as well as wet. They are excellent cemetery plants, as they are ever-green, and the white, drooping bells are chaste, beautiful and appropriate. They are also fine for lawn decoration, and deserve to be more popular.

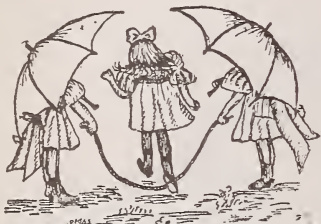
SCRAP TOBACCO, used for chewing, will do to place about plants to ward off insects. A decoction made from it may also be used as a spray. It will not injure Japanese Chrysanthemums or other plants if moderately applied to the surface soil. It is also

a valuable fertilizer, as well as an insecticide. It can be used to promote the growth of Carnations, as well as a remedy for the insects that trouble the plants. The old-fashioned "cut-and-dry" smoking tobacco for applying to plants would be preferable to chewing tobacco, as the latter has some kind of viscid, adhesive material added which is liable to clog the soil and prevent free drainage. The plain stems or leaves, however, will be found preferable to the manufactured product, which has many things added to it.

It should be always borne in mind that tobacco is a violent poison, so violent that a drop of nicotine, the essence of the weed, will kill a dog or cat. Fortunately for these animals, they cannot be induced to taste it. They have more sense in this respect than many men and boys. The only real use for tobacco is as an insecticide, and it is truly valuable in this respect. Upon the human being it has the same effect as opium, cocaine and similar drugs. It weakens the moral character, corrupts the physical system and saps the vitality of manhood. Its place in the economy of nature is to destroy the insects that infest vegetation; for that purpose it has hardly a rival.

Rex Begonias.—When leaves of Rex Begonias curl at the edges and turn brown, it is often due to the presence of red spider, a very diminutive mite that spins a fine web on the under side of the leaf. To get rid of the pest, syringe with soapsuds to which is added some kerosene oil. If kept in a moist atmosphere and frequently syringed with cold water, this pest will not become troublesome. It only flourishes in a dry atmosphere—one too dry for the healthy growth of the plant.

CHILDREN'S LETTER



MY DEAR CHILDREN:—Those of you who live in the country will now have many things to make you happy. The return of the warm sunshine and showers, with birds and foliage and flowers, is always the delight of a country boy or girl. Many of you can now roam through the fields and woods, gathering flowers and ferns, wade the streams with bare feet, and cast your line for fish. How many things come to your notice now! The May-apple that pushed its little, umbrella-like leaf up shortly after the snow disappeared is showing its big, waxy, cup-like flower, and very soon the egg-like fruit will succeed the flower and turn yellow, becoming sweet, rich and banana-like to the taste. Another name for this plant is Mandrake, and do you know how it got it? Well, I will tell you. In earlier days there were people who called themselves herb-doctors, because they claimed to cure all human ills by the use of foliage, flowers or fruit of native plants. So, when they dug up the May-apple plants they found in most cases a forked, curious root which they fancied resembled a man, and so they called it Mandrake. Just dig up a root the next time you are in the woods or meadow, and see how curious is its form. The dried and powdered root is yet much used in medicine, and is known as Podophyllum, which is the botanical name of the plant. It likes a moist, loose soil and shady place, and is always an interesting plant to the wide-awake boy or girl, from the time it shows its head until August, when it drops its umbrella, and disappears until the following spring. You may wonder what it is doing so long in its dark, cold, solitary home in the earth. Well, it is resting and getting ready to grow and bloom and bear another year. Isn't it curious?

The other day I met a group of little boys

and girls in the meadow, and every one had a handful of blue Violets, the kind we used to have fighting in my youthful days. Each flower is on a crooked stem, and to hook two flowers together and pull would take the head off of one or the other, and the stronger one was regarded as the victor. The flowers are really too pretty and sweet to use so recklessly, but the sport was much enjoyed, and where the ground was blue with them the loss of a few was well repaid in pleasure. How bright and delicate and showy the little flowers are, and how well they perfume the air with their fragrance! We see a host of them in the spring, and they are soon followed by odd little seed-pods which burst when ripe and scatter the pretty, little brown seeds. But did you know that the flowers come and the seed-pods develop through the summer? Well, they do, and you will find the seed-pods pushing up, but the flowers lack their bright, blue banners. Only the so-called pistil and stamens are formed, but these are enough for Nature's work, and the full seed-pods succeed them.

If you will now look around, you will see Jack-in-the-pulpit growing in the rich leaf-mold by the brook. How graceful is the odd, little pulpit, and how quaint the little preacher! He is ever preaching, and if we can interpret his sermon it will do us a lot of good. The pretty, tuberous root has tender, white flesh, but like the Calla and Caladium, which are near relatives, it is very acrid to the taste, and must be tasted cautiously.



There by the hill, where the soil is moist and black, you notice the lovely, green foliage, with worm-like clusters pushing up. Those are hardy ferns, and the older they become the more handsome they will be. We love to watch them as they unroll.

How graceful and pleasing is the big patch of native Columbine (*Aquilegia Canadensis*) swaying its lovely, honey-laden flowers in the soft air! We admire them, and recall the happy time when the little spurs were broken off to suck the honey from them. There is no better flower for a wall than this Columbine. You can hardly kill it with neglect. It is as tenacious and hardy as it is beautiful.

I must stop now, as I have filled my allotted space. I hope, dear little boys and girls, you will enjoy yourselves all season in Nature's work-shop. Try to see everything and understand its function. The summer will thus be greatly enjoyed, and prove to you a source, not only of instruction, but of sincere pleasure. Your friend,

LaPark, Pa., Apr. 25, 1910. The Editor.



"hook two flowers."



VIOLET PLANT.



Columbine.



CANNAS FOR SUMMER BEDS.

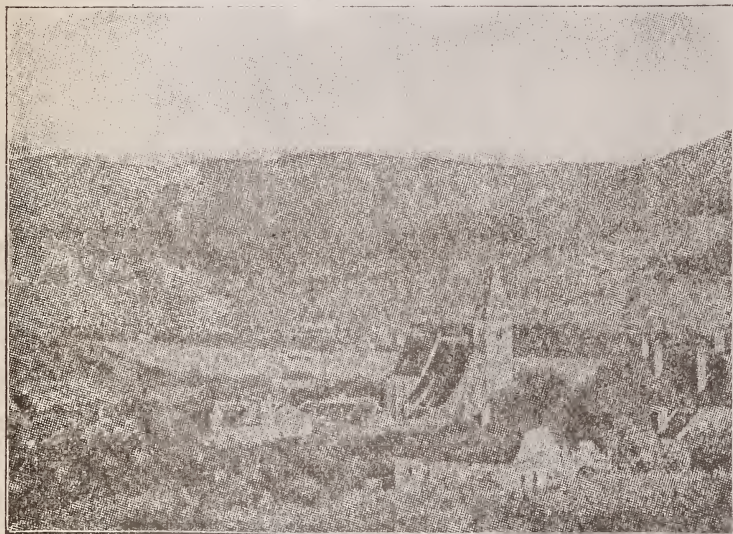
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PERHAPS there is not another class of everblooming flowers of easy culture that surpasses the new Gladiolus-flowered Cannas for a gorgeous display in large beds. The plants begin to bloom early, and improve in beauty and showiness as they increase in age. until their glory is suddenly cut short by the hand of Jack Frost. In the South they are equally effective until winter comes, and even then the clumps can remain in the earth until planting time in the spring. The flowers are large, of bright colors and distinct variegations and are borne in huge, erect clusters, as shown in the engraving, each plant bearing several clusters.

The plants seem well adapted to almost any soil or temperate climate. They delight in hot sunshine and an abundance of moisture. They will grow in poor or sandy soil, but well repay rich soil and good care. They show well in beds of one color or mixed colors, and never fail to yield a gorgeous display. Propagation may be readily effected from either seeds or division.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS: — Proceeding down the Danube River we next came to a broad place in the river valley, and here, near the river bank, was a huge, old structure at the mouth of a ravine or valley running back among the hills. Nestled in the trees and shrubbery on the same plain



SPITZ.

and near the large building were many accompanying structures which added much to the imposing effect of the whole. This was Spitz, celebrated for the beauty of its surroundings, as well as for its earlier history. Across the river, as the engraving shows, were vineyards and cultivated fields which extend up the hillside, while the massive, rugged mountains and deep ravines that make up the background inspire us with the most poetic sentiments and feelings.

The next place of note was Hof Arnsdorf, a grand old castle built at a sharp turn of the river, surrounded by tall Poplar trees that cast long, dark shadows over the gleaming water. Big hills and mountains were apparent all around, making a very picturesque scene. Farther down was the quaint,

old structure known as St. Michael, situated near the river, surrounded by trees and vineyards, with a big hill in the rear.

As we proceed, an immense church near the river, inclosed by a huge wall, comes then into view. This is Weissen-Kirchen. It is situated upon a plain with great fields of vineyard extending high upon the surrounding hills. In front is a village where the vineyardists live, and across the river is a great, rough, rocky bank, giving a sublime effect. The river, church, vineyards and wooded mountains are shown in the engraving. The church is an ancient and massive structure of

note, and the surroundings are so quaint that I regret I could not spend a day there. Farther down the river, on top of a high mountain-peak in the distance, could be seen a massive cross, and a promontory rock. Both were weird and solemn in appearance, and of touching effect.

Passing Rossatz, which was on a large plain across the river from a bold, rocky hill, we come to Durnstein, perhaps the finest and most suggestive of all the castles and ruins. To me it seemed the most impressive, and I shall always retain the

mental picture I secured of the scene. The general view of Durnstein given will afford some idea of the big church and the buildings



WEISSEN-KIRCHEN.

which surround it, as also the great, rugged, rocky mountain at the rear. Massive, indeed,

were the ruins, as well as the rocks, and the whole had a most sublime effect. A full-size bronze figure of Christ Crucified was nailed against one of the buildings, in full view of

lonely it seems in its grandeur; but here those who study for God's ministry are constantly brought into communion with the Creator, through His works, and are doubtless better fitted, by thought and reflection in the solitude of a natural temple, to understand divine things, and to minister more efficiently in their holy calling. It would doubtless be of great benefit to the religious cause if all the theological schools could be located among the wooded hills and mountains, as we find this great Austrian Cloister. The heart and mind of the students would thus harmonize, and afford a more fitting preparation than when situated in the heart of a wicked, crowded city.

From here the ride was uninteresting, and

as the shades of evening drew nigh we were landed at Vienna, the beautiful Austrian city.

Truly yours, The Editor

LaPark, Pa., Apr. 25, 1910.

DURNSTEIN.

those who pass by on the river. The old clock with faces for the north, south, east and west is still in place, and the elegant portal still remains, a monument to the architect's skill and genius.

"Ruins of Durnstein" shows a near view of the church in ruins, and the big rocky hill, with the ruins it contains. As I viewed these wonderful, crumbling walls, and thought of the untold labor and effort put forth upon them in past ages, I could not but think of the words of the wise man: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." These buildings were erected with all the strength that man could devise, and were expected to last for all time, but there they were, all in decay and ruin, neglected, forsaken, a place for the harboring of snakes, owls and bats. Generations of priests who ministered there have passed away until there was none to succeed, and now the sacred buildings are crumbling, and even the tombs of the holy worshipers are forgotten. Thus man and his works pass away—pass away. Truly we spend our years "as a tale that is told."

The last place of note is Stein, some distance farther down. The old ruins here are very quaint and the surroundings interesting. Here the banks become level, and the picturesque scenery disappears. From this point we can see, at the top of the great, receding mountains, in the distance, the Cloister, a gigantic and beautiful structure showing four great Turkish domes. All about it for miles seem to be wooded mountains and hills, rocks and ravines. Solitary and



RUINS OF DURNSTEIN.

ANTHEMIS KELWAYI.**TARDY GERMINATION.**

A SHOWY and beautiful hardy perennial blooming the first season, and during the summer months for many years afterward, is *Anthemis tinctoria* Kelwayi. The plants are easily started from seeds, grow a foot high and bloom freely, the flowers being Daisy-like, two inches across, and of a rich, golden color. A big plat of this elegant flower was in bloom at one of the seed gardens at Erfurt, Germany, when the Editor was there, and it was a sheet of gold, gorgeous beyond description.

This flower likes a sunny exposure and rich, porous soil. The seedlings may be raised in a window-box, hot-bed or garden bed, and transplanted when large enough, setting the plants eight inches apart each way. They will thus cover the ground, and become a glorious mass of flowers. Even the foliage is beautiful, being of graceful form, elegantly cut or fringed. The engraving represents a plant in full bloom, and will afford a good idea of its foliage and flowers. These seeds may be obtained of most any reputable dealer at 5 cents per packet. It is a way greatly admired by those who are fond of golden flowers.



ANTHEMIS KELWAYI.

MANY persons fail with seeds of perennial plants, shrubs and trees because they do not allow them time enough to start. While some seeds will show plants within three days after sowing, others require three weeks or three months or three years. Perhaps there are more failures with seeds from impatience than from any other cause. Among biennials and perennials we find that *Adlumia*, *Dictamnus*, *Viola odorata* and others will often lie dormant for a year after sowing, though

under favorable conditions many plants will appear during the first summer or autumn. *Berberis* sown in the fall will mostly appear the next spring. *Clematis* seeds will rarely appear for a year, and often not for two or three years. The same may be said of *Sambucus*, *Viburnum* in variety, *Vaccinium*, *Syringa*, *Rhus*, *Cratægus*, *Xanthocerus*, and seeds of many other shrubs and trees.

In sowing these seeds make the bed where you need not disturb it for at least three years. A shady, protected place is preferable. Keep a close watch on the bed, so that any plants appearing can be cared for. Often not a plant will

appear in a row till the next spring, and then only a few plants, while the second spring the plants will be up early, thick in the row. Sometimes only a few plants will appear the second spring, while the third spring will show full rows early. The wonders of seed germination are many to the observing cultivator. If the subject were only better known there would be fewer complaints about seedsmen, and fewer failures to report among those who sow.

Anemone Thalictum. — A subscriber from Omro, Wisconsin, incloses tubers of a little wildling that blooms in the woods there in April, the flowers white and light pink. The tubers and description indicate that the plant is *Anemone thalictum*, sometimes described by modern botanists as *Syndesmon thalictroides*. It is found throughout the eastern United States, and as far West as Kansas and Minnesota. In his boyhood days the Editor knew it as Giliflower.

FOR GREEN FLY.

THE BEST REMEDY for Green Fly or Aphis is tobacco smoke. Set the plants under a box, place a pan of live coals with the plants and over the coals put tobacco stems or tobacco in some form. Two or three applications, at intervals of three



days, will eradicate the pest. Syringing with tobacco tea or sprinkling with tobacco dust will also prove effectual. The applications must be repeated several times at intervals of three days, to clean the plants. After the pest is eradicated place chopped tobacco stems over the soil. It will act as a fertilizer and at the same time prove an effectual barrier to the return of the insects.

Clematis Bug.—A reader from the State of Arkansas writes:

Mr. Editor:—How can I get rid of the Clematis Bug, which simply eats up my Clematis paniculata every year? They come by thousands and bite the vine, and raise a great blister. They are the most horrible things I ever contended with.—Mrs. C., April 12, 1910.

This is evidently a new enemy, as it has not been reported before. I would suggest that you spray the vine with hellebore and water, in the proportion of one ounce of hellebore to three gallons of water, well stirred. Hellebore is the dried and powdered roots of *Veratrum viride*. It is very poisonous to insects when fresh, and will not injure the foliage of plants. It loses its poisonous properties very quickly when exposed to the air, and must be fresh or well-preserved when used. For this reason, too, repeated applications have to be made.

Aster Beetle.—The black beetle that eats our Aster flowers can readily be kept off by picking and killing them when they first appear. They are intelligent enough to know of the fate awaiting them, and will often leave. To sprinkle the blooming plants with hellebore, one ounce to three gallons of water, will destroy them. Some cover the bed with a frame of mosquito-netting, and this, too, is effectual. Where there are children you can pay them a penny a hundred for picking the beetles. It eradicates the pest, keeps the little ones out of mischief, and gives them some pin-money.

"Pinies."—The old-fashioned "Pinies" are *Pæonia officinalis rubra* fl. pl. They bloom earlier than Chinese Pæonies, are more dwarf, and the flowers are large, very double, very dark red, and have a fragrance all their own. They are beautiful in the garden, every plant becoming a large clump. When they develop new foliage it is green, while the new growth of the Chinese Pæony is a bronzy red.

FALL SNOWDROPS.

THE TALLEST and most showy of the Snowdrops are in bloom three weeks after *Galanthus*

nivalis, the common Snowdrop. They are species of *Leucojum vernum* (6 inches high), and *Æstivum* (10 in. high), the latter blooming after the former. To distinguish them from *Galanthus*, they are mostly called Spring-blooming Snowflake. They are bulbous plants, the bulbs not unlike a *Narcissus* in form and size. They are perfectly hardy, and will hold their own and bloom well, even when encroached by grasses and weeds. The time to buy and plant the bulbs is during the autumn. They are imported with the Dutch bulbs during the autumn season, and are usually sold at five cents each.



"SNOW FLAKE."

Mignonette.—The sweet Mignonette, *Reseda odorata*, will grow in almost any good garden soil. Simply sow the seeds in the bed about the time the Apple-trees are in bloom, and thin out the plants till they are eight or ten inches apart. The large-flowered, robust varieties are preferable for the garden, and the dwarf, compact ones for pots. A rather sunny exposure is preferable for a garden bed of Mignonette, as the plants are sometimes subject to mildew in a damp, poorly ventilated situation.



MIGNONETTE.

Lace Fern.—This is the common name for *Asparagus plumosus*. The plant must have an annual rest, and when ready to take it, the leaves of many bracts will turn brown and die. To give it rest withhold water, set the plant in a cool, shady place, and cut back the dying branches. When growth begins, repot and begin watering again.

To Promote Blooming.—When Geranium plants are thrifty but non-blooming, keep them till summer, then bed them out where the sun will have free access to them. They will soon show buds and flowers, and can then be given water regularly when needed, and some phosphate to further encourage growth and bloom.

JASMINE NUDIFLORUM.

A SUBSCRIBER from Rhea County, Tennessee, inclosed a blooming branch of this early-flowering hardy Jasmine, as sketched, requesting its name. It is a handsome species from China, introduced in 1844. It is of climbing habit, with flexible green branches, triparted foliage, and opposite yellow flowers. The plant blooms freely before the leaves develop, and is showy as a hedge-row, or grown against a building to which it is trained. The flowers often appear before the passing of the winter's snow, and are heralds of the near approach of spring, with its flowers and foliage and birds. Truly the beauty of this lovely hardy shrub is enhanced and appreciated because of its early greeting. When the flowers fade, the graceful green foliage pushes forth and gives the plant a charming appearance throughout the summer.



JASMINE NUDIFLORA.

Begonia Diadema. — From Woodbridge, Connecticut, a subscriber writes:



LEAF OF BEGONIA DIADEMA.

It is a graceful and beautiful Begonia, with deeply lobed and serrated green leaves irregularly spotted with silver. It grows well in an east window, and is a favorite among Begonia-lovers.

Senecio Elegans. — This is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, introduced in 1700, and often known as Jacobaea. It is an annual, but may be kept as a perennial, and will assume a shrubby appearance. The improved sorts have full-double flowers, and come in colors—white, rose, red and purple. Plants that fail to bloom the first season will mostly winter safely and bloom the following year. To have strong, blooming seedling plants in autumn, they should be started early in spring. They are easily grown, and should be better known.

COLLINSIA BICOLOR.

A BEAUTIFUL hardy perennial from California is Collinsia bicolor, which has been in cultivation since 1833, but is not so well-known as it justly deserves. The plants grow a foot high, bearing downy, erect, branching stems, sparingly clothed with delicate foliage, the tips set with whorls of exquisite little Snapdragon-like flowers, the upper lip and tube white, the lower rosy purple.



COLLINSIA PLANT.

The culture of this annual is simple. The seeds may be sown in a sheltered bed in autumn, and the plants given some special protection if the climate is very cold. Plants thus grown will flower during the spring and early summer, while the weather is cool and moist, and make a fine show in the garden. In the Southern States the seeds should be invariably sown in autumn, and in the warmer sections the blooming period will be during the winter. At the North most persons sow the seeds early in the spring. The plants then bloom later, but if the season is favorable the flowers

afford an admirable show.

Equally beautiful and more hardy is the species found in the Eastern States, that is known as Collinsia verna. It,



COLLINSIA BLOOM.

too, grows a foot high, bearing a profusion of lovely flowers, the corolla white and the lower lip blue. Seeds of this should be sown in autumn, as they rarely do well from spring sowing. Seeds of any of these species or in mixture may be obtained readily from the seedsmen, and usually cost five cents per packet.

Citrus Laburnum. — A subscriber from Camillus, N. Y., sends a few pods and seeds to have named, stating they came from England, where they were taken from a tree with beautiful golden bloom. They are probably of Citrus laburnum, known as Golden Rain. The trees can be grown from seeds, and are quite hardy and free-blooming.

Malva Moschata. — Mrs. Brumbaugh, of Indiana, asks about a silky white flower the size of a silver dollar, growing a foot high and blooming in summer. It may have been Malva Moschata, a pretty, hardy perennial, easily grown from seeds.



TUBEROUS BEGONIAS AND GLOXINIAS.

AMONG summer-blooming bulbs for the window, few can equal and none excel the Tuberous Begonia and the Gloxinia. The Tuberous Begonias are as easily grown as other Begonias, and give a fine display of flowers. The first Tuberous Begonias I ever saw were in a store window having good, strong light, with but very little sunlight. They were very large, attracting much attention. Later, when I tried two or three, they were good plants, but having hard usage for the first month, did not make as large plants. When they did not start as they should, I examined them thoroughly and found what the trouble was; they were planted with the roots up. A good way to start them is in sand or moss, till growth starts sufficiently to be sure which is the top.

A Gloxinia, a white one, gave a great many handsome flowers, though another was more showy. It was pure white with a band of rich, dark red about one-fourth of an inch wide near the edge. It was one of the loveliest flowers I ever saw, and was greatly admired by all who saw it. It failed to start the next

year, and I do not expect I will ever have another like it, as I have never seen it described in any list of Gloxinias.

Tuberous Begonias and Gloxinias well repay one for the care bestowed upon them, and are a pleasure all summer. Through ignorance as to their care in the winter, I lost all of the bulbs, but now directions as to their culture and winter treatment are often sent with the bulbs. Even though they live only one summer they give value received. Aunt Eda.

Tioga Co., N. Y., April 9, '10.

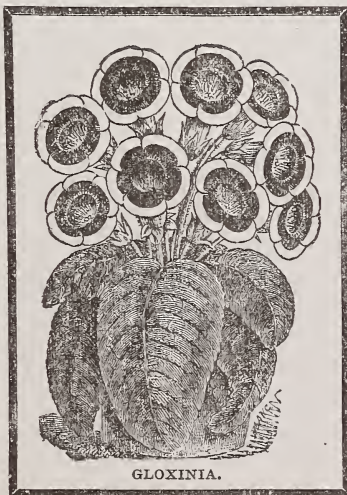
Start Perennials.—

To all flower-lovers with limited purses I would say procure and plant seeds of as many of the glorious perennials as possible this season. The blooms will repay you a hundred-fold next season. Be sure to get Sweet Williams, Hardy Pinks, Hollyhocks, Perennial Larkspur and Columbine. Emma Clearwater. Hillsdale, Ind., April 9, 1910.

To Keep Out Flies.—

Do you know that blooming branches of Mignonette laid about the room send house flies out? I tried it last fall. Mrs. Ira Peer.

Belmont, Ont., Can., March 22, 1910.



FINE BORDER PERENNIALS.

THE FOLLOWING inquiry comes from a subscriber in Iowa:

Mr. Editor:—Please suggest suitable plants for summer blooming along the south and west sides of the house, where it will be both warm and dry. I wish to plant them close to the foundation.—Mrs. F. B., Iowa.



PERENNIAL PEA.

There is probably no plant that would be more suitable for the situation mentioned than Perennial Pea, with a border of *Ægopodium*. The Peas could be trained to a trellis of chicken-wire. A double row could be planted, one on each side of the wire, with a double row of *Ægopodium* in front. The Perennial Pea is free-blooming in a dry situation, and if seeding is prevented it will keep



ÆGOPodium.

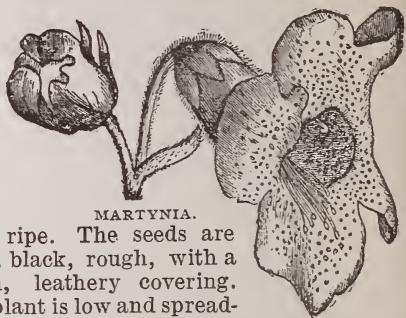
up the display of flowers throughout the summer and autumn. The flowers are larger than those of Sweet Pea, and borne in large clusters. The colors are white, pink and red. Once started they will last a lifetime.

Clematis Paniculata.—Plants of this Clematis, as well as of most species, are grown from seeds, which are sown in the spring in a shady place. The bed should not be disturbed till the plants appear, which will be in one, two or three years. Clematis seeds should not be expected to germinate in less than a year, and the seeds often lie dormant till the second or third spring after sowing.

Begonia Fungus.—A fungus sometimes attacks Begonias which causes the leaves to turn brown in spots and die. Remove and burn affected leaves, and dust the foliage and soil with sulphur and lime mixed, applying more freely to the soil.

MARTYNIA.

HERE ARE several kinds of Martynia, but the most common is *M. proboscidea*, which is often found growing wild. It has large, Achimenes-formed flowers, lavender with yellowish and purplish markings in the throat, growing in clusters, followed by coarse, curved, pubescent pods that recurve and split open and become horn-like



MARTYNIA.

when ripe. The seeds are large, black, rough, with a tough, leathery covering. The plant is low and spreading and irregular in shape, growing a foot or more high. It is an annual. It will grow in a pasture or by the roadside frequented by stock, as no animal will molest it. The flowers are pleasantly fragrant, but the stem and foliage are ill-scented. All the kinds are curious, handsome and worth growing. The plant is often called Devil's Claws, because of its formidable seed-pods.

Hoya.—This vine grows and blooms freely in soil composed of loam, leaf-mold and sand, well mixed. Avoid a pot too large for the plant. It will bloom better if root-bound, and occupying a sunny situation. Some plants bloom more freely than others. If you have one that blooms sparingly, discard it for a free-blooming plant, if it cannot be improved. Enrich the soil occasionally with bone-dust. Do not apply guano or ammonia water, if you wish free-blooming.

White Fly.—The insect known as White Fly does its injury to plants, such as Fuchsias and Nasturtiums, by depositing its ova or eggs thickly upon the under surface of the leaves. Tobacco dust sprinkled or blown upon the affected part will be found a good remedy. Fuchsias can be immersed several times in soapsuds somewhat hotter than the hand will bear, simply dipping the plant then withdrawing it before the hot suds can do injury. Many other insects can be eradicated by the same means.

About Lilac.—To have the Lilac bloom freely, grow it in a fully exposed situation, and in well-drained soil. Trim away only the superfluous or dead or sickly branches, and enrich the soil with bone-dust. To get large, handsome panicles of bloom, cut away the clusters as soon as the flowers begin to fade, so that no seeds will be allowed to form.

PAPAYER ALPINUM.

THE LITTLE engraving on this page represents a beautiful, perennial Poppy, somewhat after the fashion of *Papaver nudicaule*, but more dwarf and graceful in form, and rather more free-blooming. It has pretty, silvery foliage, and the flowers are borne well above it, upon slender stems, each stem supporting a large, drooping bud, which



PAPAYER ALPINUM.

develops into an erect, cup-like flower, the flowers ranging in color through shades of rose, salmon, buff, orange and yellow to white. The blooming period extends from May to September, and the plants bloom all the better if no seeds are allowed to form. They are especially adapted for the rockery, and also are fine for pots. Seedlings bloom the first season and make a lovely bed.

For Shade.—Lily of the Valley, Vinca minor or Myrtle, Moneywort, Kenilworth Ivy and English Ivy are all hardy plants that will thrive in a dense shade, where scarcely anything else will grow. For vines *Adlumia cirrhosa* and German Ivy are unsurpassed. One is a biennial, grown from seeds, the other a greenhouse plant, easily started from cuttings. *Berberis vulgaris*, *Cornus alba*, Privet, Sweet Briar and *Symphoricarpos vulgaris* all grow well in shade or beneath trees.

Cut-worms.—What are known as cut-worms are the larvæ of an insect. They come out of the soil at night, cut off plants, and burrow nearby. If you stir the soil in the morning you will find the little black "worms", and can destroy them. A good remedy, where the pest is troublesome, is to wrap a piece of paper around each plant while transplanting, letting a part extend beneath the surface, and, say, an inch above. The paper may be regarded as an effectual remedy.

Calla Lily.—When your Calla fails to bloom, take it out of the pot, shake off the soil, dry it, and put in a cool, dry place for two months or more, then repot in rich soil, setting the crowns an inch below the surface.

PROPAGATING TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS may be propagated from cuttings, and choice varieties are increased by that method. But, as a rule, the tubers offered by florists are grown from a choice strain of seeds. Seedlings begin to bloom the same season in which they are started, if the seeds are sown early. The tubers, as to color, are therefore to be depended upon, if the bed of plants is carefully rogued when in bloom. There are few Tuberous Begonias propagated and grown for sale in America. They are all, practically, grown in Holland and Belgium, where the cool, moist, summer atmosphere is especially adapted to the development of the tubers.



TUBER OF TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

Rose Leaves Drying.—When the leaves of a pot Rose curl and dry up, it is mostly because of the presence of red spider on the under side. The pest is very small, almost microscopic, and spins a very fine web. It abounds where the atmosphere is dry and hot, and Roses are often attacked by it. A cool, moist atmosphere and frequent applications of cold water, using a syringe, will keep it off. Spraying with whale-oil soapsuds is also good. When plants are badly infested the leaves should be removed and burned, stripping them downward.

For Cemetery Planting.—*Yucca filamentosa* is one of the best plants for the cemetery. It is evergreen, perfectly hardy, will take care of itself, and when old enough will form a clump that will bloom every season. The flowers are borne in a big panicle from three to six feet high, are large and showy, and chaste white and drooping. It will endure a drouth and neglect better than almost any other plant, and once planted will last for—I have never known a plant to die even when neglected. It is easily grown from seeds or root cuttings.



YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.

Forget-me-not.—This is the common name of *Myosotis*. If the seeds are started late in spring, the plants of most of the kinds are destroyed by the hot sun before the flowers are fully developed. To avoid this, get seeds of the best varieties of *Myosotis alpestris* and sow carefully in autumn. The young plants will then winter safely and bloom freely before the hot weather comes.

CORNUS FLORIDA.

THERE ARE MANY species of *Cornus* or Dogwood, all of which have merit as ornamental shrubs, but the most beautiful, as well as the largest, of the species is *Cornus florida*, the common White-flowered Dogwood found in the woods in the Atlantic-coast and adjacent States from Maine to Texas.

Cornus florida becomes a small tree with age, attaining the height of forty feet, with a trunk more than a foot in diameter. It has graceful foliage, and flat, arm-like branches, which develop masses of showy bloom about the middle of spring. The so-called flowers are formed by the flower-envelope, consisting of four brown scales, appearing in autumn to protect the cluster of real flower-buds during winter. As spring approaches these silvery buds swell, and finally the scaly bracts begin to grow and assume a white or pink shade, which becomes more beautiful as the little, yellowish flowers they inclose begin to open.

A tree in full bloom is truly showy and beautiful, and can be seen for several miles. The flowers are succeeded by clusters of fruits, which are green till autumn, when they turn to a rich scarlet color, and remain on after the leaves, which have changed to

a bronzy red, have dropped off. Each fruit contains a little, channeled, egg-shaped stone, which will lie dormant for a year or more before germinating.

This *Cornus* is one of the most beautiful of our native shrubs and trees, being decorative in foliage, flowers and fruit. It delights in a shady place, and is of the easiest culture. It has no enemies, will thrive in almost any soil or situation, begins to bloom when young, and increases in beauty with age. It deserves to be more popular. It has been known since 1753. The engraving shows a branch of the flowers.

Hiawatha Rose.—Two years ago I saw in Kew Gardens, a trellis covered with this new Rose in full bloom. It far surpassed its rivals nearby. It is undoubtedly the finest hardy climbing Rose to date.

ROSES IN TEXAS.

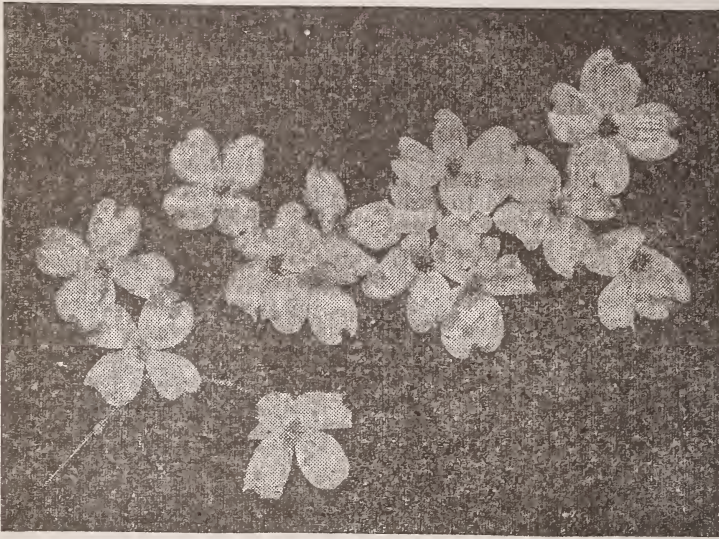
ALADY FROM TEXAS complains that her Roses only live for a few months, or at best only a year or two, then die, notwithstanding she gives them good care. A bit of stem she sends appears to be sunburned or dried upon one side. Her soil is rocky limestone, and very dry. She makes holes and fills in with leaf-soil before planting. It is possible the plants become too hot and dry about the roots, and that the hot sunshine is too severe for the tops. Give the plants partial shade, or plant where they will be sheltered from the midday sun, and mulch the plants with stable litter during summer. Roses will do no good where the sun heats the ground and dries it out, and at the same time dries the foliage. Mulching, watering during drouth, and shading at midday will be found to overcome the troubles complained of.

Treating Tuberous Begonias.

—A successful grower of Tuberous Begonias,

Lowell, Massachusetts, gives her treatment as follows:

Mr. Editor:—I will tell you how I treat my Tuberous Begonias, to have fine plants and flowers: I start the tubers in pots, and give them enough sun and air to make them grow stocky. When danger or frosts is past I place them in a box in the yard, where they will be shaded from the



BLOOM OF CORNUS FLORIDA.

midday sun. The boxes are eight or ten inches wide, eight inches deep, any length, and raised a bit from the ground. Set the pots in so the top will be a little lower than the top of the box; then fill in around the pots to the top of the pots, leaving room for water. In this way I can regulate the mixture and have support for the plants. My neighbors have also had good success by treating their Tuberous Begonias in this way.—H. F. F., Middlesex Co., Mass., Mar. 14, 1910.

Arum.—*Arum italicum* and *Arum cornutum* are sure to bloom if the tubers are large enough. The latter need not even be planted, but will develop its flowers if laid upon the window-sill. It is ill-scented, however, and not suited for the house, at least until it loses its odor. The tubers should be set an inch or more beneath the surface. A shady bed in the garden suits most of the varieties. All are of easy culture, and thrive under the treatment usually given *Calla Lily*.

A PLEA FOR THE OLD-FASHIONED FLOWERS.

THE OLD-FASHIONED flowers are delightful. I am always so glad to get into an old-time garden. For one thing, it is always large. The trim, neat, little, well-kept flower-beds are not there—that is, *may* not be found there, but, oh, the freedom of it! And almost everything is growing there, from Sage and Rue to the largest, fullest double Roses.

I do not deprecate the skill of the modern florist, but what *can* compare with the flowers of our childhood? The Roses and Pinks of our grandmother's garden? For my part, I cultivate all the "old-timers" that come in my way, or nearly all.

My bed of Sweet Williams has been the pride of the village for several years. Last



SWEET WILLIAMS.

year my Bachelor Buttons, light and dark blue and soft pink, blended beautifully, and gave almost sunset tints to that portion of my garden. My Hollyhocks, stiff and stately though they are, are constantly admired, and many, many are the seeds I have bestowed.

L. Eugenie Eldridge.

So. Chatham, Mass., April 1, 1910.

Dimorphotheca Aurantiaca.—

Right here I want to record my commendation of that gorgeous African plant, *Dimorphotheca aurantiaca*. The ten seeds I received came up and made ten of the best-blooming plants I ever saw—equal to our celebrated California Poppy. They are of the easiest culture, and stand our dry climate remarkably well. They look very much like Gazanias, but are better for massing where annuals are required. I saved some of the seeds, some of which I already have over ground; where I had ten last year I have fifty now. I only sowed a very small portion of the seeds I saved. I have noticed this seed listed in some of the German seed catalogues. I dare say it is highly appreciated in that country, and it will be here when it becomes better known.

Oakland, Cal., April 5, 1910. W.A.Pryal.

ROSES IN THE SOUTH.

IF ANY of the Magazine readers wish to get a running Rose, the Climbing Meteor will be found to more than please. Last spring I planted a small Rose of this particular kind, and now—well, I would never try to count the buds. The bloom is almost



CLIMBING METEOR ROSE.

black, and the leaves are such a healthy green.

The Marie Guillot is another Rose of unusual merit, being of exquisite form and pure white in color. I have seventy-five varieties of Roses, and still want more. L. F. H

Columbia, S. C., April 5, 1910.

Ten Weeks Stock.—I raised some Ten Weeks Stock plants from seeds last year.



and they have blossomed for eight months steadily. They are as handsome as any picture now—pink, white and purple, in three pots. Many plants bloomed in the garden, but those that I potted have done remarkably well. I consider the Ten Weeks Stock one of the finest of pot plants. The flowers are pretty, fragrant and last a long time. My plants were beautiful all winter.

Annie M. Naylor.

Bristol Co., Mass., April 5, 1910.

SPRINGTIME.

This kind o' weather jist suits me,
These sunny days o' Spring,
When Beechen buds are swellin'
'N' the birds begin ter sing;

When all things seem so full o' life,
'N' their music fills the air,
'N' Dandy-lines 'n' Buttercups
Are bloomin' ever'where.

I like ter ketch the fragrance
As it floats upon the breeze,
'N' see them sassy wood-cocks
Up there, peckin' on the trees,

'N' see the grass a-growin'
In the broad 'n' fertile fields,
'N' the colts 'n' calves a-runnin',
'N' a-kickin' up their heels.

Seems like ever'thing's rejoicin'
'N' they're all so full o' glee
Since their Winter prison's opened
'N' they all have been set free.

Ever stroll out through the orchard
'Mongst the blossom-laden trees,
'N' listen t' the medder-larks,
'N' buzzin' o' the bees,

When the butterflies are dancin'
On their way from flower to flower?
Gee! but they're a-havin' good times
Sippin' honey by the hour!

Makes a feller feel so joyful,
Now that Winter-time is o'er,
T' git out 'n' hear the red-birds
Sing their melodies once more,

'N' see the scores of other birds
A-workin' jist their best
A-huntin' feathers, grass 'n' sticks,
'N' buildin' 'em a nest.

Through the woods I like t' ramble
When the leaves are comin' out,
'N' the robins are a-singin'
'N' a-hoppin' all about,

'N' the little Johnny-jump-ups
Are a-smilin' bright 'n' gay,
'N' the birds 's all a-tellin'
Ever'thing they've got ter say.

If ye're feelin' kinder awnry
'N' ye've sort o' got the blues,
Git out 'n' walk around awhile
Through Nature's avenues,

'N' listen to the music
Made by all her graphophones—
Ever' little bird 'n' insect's
Got a record of its own.

Seems as if they're always wound up!
Each one thinks his song's the best.
Sounds like ever'one's a-tryin'
T' make more noise than all the rest.

But I reckon they are happy,
Like we always ort t' be;
Praising Him for all His goodness,
As His handiwork we see.

Talk 'bout yer good old Summer-time,
Er Winter's snow 'n' ice,
Er them purty days in Autumn—
Still they may be purty nice;

But I like the time when robins sing
'N' the world from care is free;
'N' these 'ere sunny days o' Spring
Are good enough fer me.

Martinsville, Ind.

Harry B. Egbert.

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

REGARDING the poisonous nature of this plant, the writer was told by a fellow-workman, while potting Primulas in a private greenhouse, that I had better put gloves on my hands and avoid rolling up my sleeves if I did not wish to have sore arms the next day. However, I took the risk, and experienced no bad after-effects. No doubt a tender skin would be affected the second or third day from handling them, but they are harmless as far as my experience goes, and I have grown both of them, both in the greenhouse and the window of the private dwelling. Fred A. Cunningham.
Middlesex Co., Mass. Jan. 24, 1910.



P. OBCONICA.

Grafting a Cactus.—About ten years ago Mrs. Bucknal told us through the Floral Magazine how she succeeded in grafting Cacti, and having a Rat-tail Cactus (*Cereus flabelliformis*) that did not grow well, I grafted one of the "tails" upon a blooming, flat-leaved species, following the directions. In a few days it began to grow, and has grown ever since. The tails are a third larger than I ever saw any, and it blooms in March of each year. It is the most lovely and attractive plant I have. The "tails" are over a yard long, and I can count hundreds of buds almost open. Mrs. Carrie Achor.
Jennings, Ohio, March 24, 1910.

Wistaria.—I had my Wistaria vine in one corner of my flower-garden, and it tried to take possession, so I cut all away but four vines, which I twisted together and tied to a post. In a few years they grew together and appeared as a tree. Now I remove any runners that appear, and I have a beautiful plant. Many people ask what kind of a tree it is.
Bulloch Co., Ga. Mrs. J. S. Denmark.

Sinningia Regina.—Last summer from one packet of seeds of *Sinningia regina* I raised twenty plants, all of which bloomed. The flowers were very beautiful, the colors white with striped throat, and various shades of blue.
Berkley Sta., Va., April 5, 1910. S. E. H.



Roses.—If any flower friend wants Roses I can recommend Pink Maman Cochet and White Maman Cochet, also Etoile de Lyon. They have fine long buds, and when half open they are beauties, very large, full and double. When open, one would never wish for finer Roses. I wish we could get a dark red Rose as fine. Alice Bermius.

Effingham Co., Ill., March 30, 1910.

CHINESE HIBISCUS.

MY EXPERIENCE with that brilliant, beautiful shrub, the Chinese Hibiscus, may benefit and encourage someone who is trying to succeed with it.

One April morning I found myself the possessor of a leafless plant of the double scarlet Hibiscus about eight inches high. I took a wooden box that would hold a gallon of soil, and filled it with leaf-mold, sand and garden soil, and, setting the plant in it, left it out on an east porch. Soon the rains came, almost every day, and I kept it out there for five or six weeks. I soon found my little plant sending out leaf-buds, and growing fine. Before one would think it possible, there were the flower-buds forming. The first of July I was going away on a visit, and I took the box with the plant in it, and set it in a large candy pail of water, and left it there. Eight days later, upon my return, the brightest and most brilliant blossoms greeted my sight. From this I have learned that "water, water", is the key of the Hibiscus during blooming season.

I continued to keep it in that bucket of water, and regularly I gave copious drinks of liquid manure. At one time I counted 125 buds and blossoms, some of the flowers as large as a tomato can. That vivid, scarlet-crimson color so beautiful in flowers! By November 1st that plant measured four feet high, and as many wide, still covered with buds. Since that time I have cultivated many other Hibiscus in the same way, and find I always succeed beyond my own expectations.

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DOUBLE HIBISCUS.
One fine pink bloomer with a purple blotch on

two petals, for two years was never without at least one blossom, and many buds. Now, dear plant-loving sisters, try one or more plants of Hibiscus, and revel in their beauty.

Mrs. K. H. Love.

Barry Co., Mo., Apr. 5, 1910.

THE LOVE OF NATURE.

AS SPRING approaches, new enthusiasm takes possession of us, and we determine to have a finer display of flowers than ever before. At this time, too, it is well to encourage the children, by giving

them a little plot of good ground and some seeds for their very own. By thus encouraging the children we instill a love for garden and nature that has an influence for good in all their future life. It is not necessary nor desirable to let the cares of everyday life crowd out the love for Nature's precious gifts, and think only of the crude part of our existence.

We of common ambition are not likely to give too little attention to the necessary things of life, even though we do indulge in some of the higher things as we pass along.

Mrs. B. Barnes.

Wayne Co., Mich., Apr. 8, 1910.

Plant Boxes.— For several years I have had plants in boxes, and find it a much easier way of growing them and caring for them than when in beds. They are out of reach of the hens and cats, and the miserable wandering dogs, and within your own reach to weed and water. I have also a planting table which a kind brother made me. It is about three feet long, in the form of a box five inches deep. I have it filled and plant my flower seeds in that, and I am saved many a backache, for it is high enough to stand at and work conveniently. When the plants are of good size I transplant them to beds or boxes as I wish.

A. M. Berrian.

Windham Co., Ct., Apr. 5, 1910.



BLOOM OF CHINESE HIBISCUS.

DAHLIAS FROM SEEDS.

I WANT the flower-loving readers of the Magazine to know of the success I had with Dahlias from seeds. I ordered one packet, and sowed it in a box, having no idea that I had such a glorious treat in store. Within five days the seedlings had pushed up in little "humps", and soon were holding their heads up, looking so strong and vigorous. As soon as they were large enough to transplant, I put them in good, loamy, well-worked soil, and I could actually see them grow. Within three weeks I noticed the color of some stalks was dark red, and others light green. The buds commenced to show soon, and then swell, and oh, the pleasure I derived in watching the different colors show! Some grew faster than others, but all grew entirely to my satisfaction. There was one particular plant that grew and kept on growing and we encouraged this growth just to see where it would go to. It finally decided to stop at the height of nine and

a half feet, and then the exquisite bloom hung over in such a graceful way, showing a flower almost black with a bright, yellow center about the size of a 25-cent piece. The petals looked like heavy silk velvet, and the blooms were as large as my tubers produced. Some of the others were equally as beautiful, one being a magenta, with the back of the petals striped in white; another was a fawn shade and very odd; another was yellow outlined on each petal with red, and still another was a peculiar shade bordering on a brick-dust color, the back of the petals being vel-

low. This combination was perfectly beautiful, and thought by many who saw it to be the loveliest in the lot. In all, I secured thirty-two plants, and every one was a gem.

Columbia, S. C.

L. F. H.

CYCLAMEN CULTURE.

I HAVE been thinking for some time of writing and giving my experience with a Cyclamen. My Cyclamen is six years old, and seems to improve with age. It is a pale lavender with a purple eye. It did not bloom as well a year ago as I thought it should. I

had bedded it out in a shady place as I had read of in your Magazine, and it had a good rest. Finally I stumbled on to a treatment that has proved the best that I have tried. I will describe my method, and if you will print it, it may help others.

Last summer I set the pot on an east porch, there it got the morning sun. I watered it just enough to keep it from drying up. In midsummer buds showed. It was too full to count. In



DOUBLE DAHLIA.

September I decided the pot was too small, so I shifted it to a 7-inch pot while in bud, keeping the old dirt on the roots, adding enough fresh dirt to fill the pot and cover the bulb to the crowns (it has several). I have an east bay window, and keep nothing except bulbs there. I gave my Cyclamen all the sun it could get during October and November in an east window. It began blooming in November, and had sixty-two blossoms in a short time; the most at any one time previous was forty-nine. While in bloom I keep it entirely out of the sun but in a light place.

Harrison Co., Ia.

Gertrude Lawrence.

PICKING WILD FLOWERS.

MR. EDITOR:

I NOTICED an article in the March number of your Magazine about the destruction of wild flowers. While some things in the article are very true, I cannot agree with the writer that the wild flowers should not be picked but be left in the woods where only those who can get out into the woods can see them, so I thought I would tell some facts on the other side of the case.

I live in a little country town, seven miles from the city of Portland, Oregon, and go into the city every morning to my work. I am very fond of flowers and always try, when I can get them, to take some in with me, so as to have them in the office, and I am sure that anyone who likes flowers, and has tried having a bunch of them on his or her desk or in the room, will not say that they are wasted, or that it is a crime to pick them and take them from the woods. It is bad enough to be shut in during the glorious spring days, whether it be in the home, office or elsewhere; wherever it is, the day does not seem so long nor so tiresome if one can look up occasionally upon a few flowers, be they tame or wild.

Then not only do those in the office or home enjoy the flowers, but very often people come in who do not get a chance to go out into the woods where wild flowers grow, and they are always pleased with a few. Only today a lady came to the office, and while waiting there spoke of a bunch of flowers that was in the room. I gave her some, and she said: "I am so fond of flowers of any kind, but I live in a hotel, and never have any unless I buy them, and I cannot do that very often."

Then there are the children of the poorer quarters, who never get out into the country, and never see wild flowers. The way from the train leads through a section of this kind, and many times I have seen the children stop someone coming from the train with hands full of flowers, and ask if they might have one. The wild flowers are indeed more beautiful in their natural home, but everybody cannot see them there, and so, for those who cannot get to the flowers, I believe that, if it is possible, the flowers should come to them.

A small basket taken along and filled with the moss that you will always find in the woods; then wet the moss and lay the flowers in the basket and put more moss over the stems, and you will reach home, unless you have a great distance to go, with your flowers in very good shape; and there are very few flowers that will not revive when put in water.

Of course, there are some flowers or, more strictly speaking, shrubs that should not be mutilated in order to gather the blossoms, as it breaks the tree so that in time it will die. In some parts of the country certain flowering shrubs have been almost exterminated because of the wanton destruction of the trees, and I have heard it said that in New England the dainty Trailing Arbutus has been almost

destroyed by careless gathering.

To sum the question all up, I think it will come to this: That if we ourselves can get any good or pleasure, or give anyone else good or pleasure, with the wild flowers, let us pick them, but, in cases where they are in danger of being exterminated altogether, to be careful and not pick the flowers just for the pleasure of picking them, and then let them die.

Clackamas Co., Oreg., Apr. 11, 1910. Polly.

APPLES OF GOLD.

Once, when my heart was very sad
And bitter seemed life's cup indeed,
One friend had I who gave to me
A rich gift in my craving need.
'Twas but a kindly spoken word
Of love and heartfelt sympathy;
Yet wealth ne'er had the power to give
A richer gift than this to me.

With tear-dimmed eye and trembling lip
My hand she clasped and these words spake:
"God bless you, friend, where'er you go,
And bless whate'er you undertake!"
And if Golconda's priceless gems,
Or California's golden store,
Or ocean's wealth of pale, pink pearls
Were mine I could not prize them more;

For with her words sweet hope came back
And sang within my heart again,
And faith looked up once more to heaven
And trustingly took up the strain,
And sang of One who ever waits
The sorrow-stricken soul to bless,
And life's cup seemed no longer filled
With naught but grief and bitterness.

Like honey to life's cup of gall,
Like cordial to my stricken heart,
Like manna to my hungry soul,
These "fitly spoken words". Apart
From other gems they lie enshrined
In memory's casket; for, indeed,
"Apples of gold" they were to me,
More precious for my craving need.

Richmond, Va.

Alice R. Corson.

Planting Canna Seeds. — I have observed that if the sprout end of a Canna seed is laid sidewise instead of being laid perpendicularly in the soil, it will prevent excessive moisture lodging in the germ-cup, which causes decay. I shall, in future, lay Canna seeds on their side.

Mrs. Ira Peer.

Belmont, Ont., Can., Mar. 22, 1910.

Some Beds. — I had the light-green-leaved Canna with lemon-yellow bloom in old tubs, one surrounded by Salvia, and one by red and yellow Coleus. The Coleus are easily started by placing slips in water in the sunshine. They root in three days.

Mrs. E. E. Cranmer.

White Co., Ind., Mar. 24, 1910.

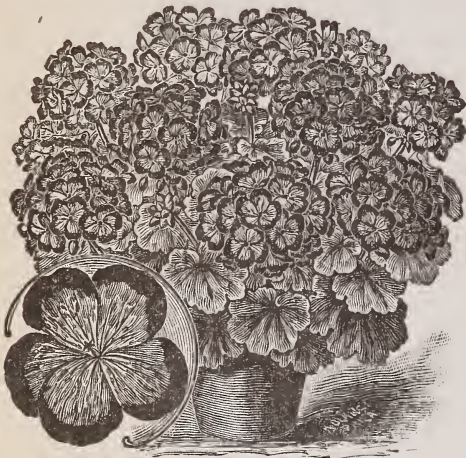
Nicotiana Sanderae. — I find that *Nicotiana Sanderae* is easily raised from seeds, and the plants bear such pretty, sweet-scented flowers! I planted a carmine-colored one last fall, and it did not stop blooming. I prize this *Nicotiana* highly.

Mrs. E. Cranmer.

White Co., Ind., Mar. 24, 1910.

GERANIUMS FOR WINTER-BLOOMING.

FOR WINTER-BLOOMING Geraniums I prefer old stocks. Any time in the spring repot them in pots one size larger than they were in. It would be better to replace in the pots they occupy than to put into larger ones, as root-bound plants bloom better. Good, rich soil, plenty of good, rotted manure, a little sand, and good drainage are what they require. If any of the old pots are to be used, wash well with strong soapsuds, and scald with boiling water, as this purifies them. When everything is ready, remove the plants one by one, and wash them free from every particle of soil. This should be done carefully so as not to injure the roots, and is desirable, so as to remove the worn-out soil and worms, and expose the dead and dying



SINGLE SCARLET GERANIUM.

roots which must be removed with a sharp knife.

Cut away each branch at least one-half its length, and all shoots that tend to give it an unbalanced or unsightly appearance. Aim to give the plant a round and compact form. The blossoms always appear on the new growth, and pruning induces a lateral growth, forming many new branches to bear buds. Keep the plants well pruned the whole summer, as the more young shoots the more flowers. If the soil is heavy, use good drainage. If leaf-mold, no drainage is required. Drainage material should be so arranged that, while giving free passage to water, it will not allow the soil to wash down and close it up. Above the drainage put one inch of rotted manure, and fill up with soil to the proper depth to set in the plant, which must be done with care, seeing that the roots are well spread out, and the plant set in the middle of the pot. After filling the pot to within a half-inch of the top, water thoroughly, set in a dark closet until they commence to grow, then bring gradually to the light, and see that the foliage is kept free from dust. Give a fertilizer once every

two weeks, encouraging a rank growth, but do not allow to bloom. Remove every bud as soon as it appears, so as to store up an abundance of bloom for the winter. They will not need repotting in the fall, but the soil above the roots may be removed and replaced with other soil that is mixed with manure. If handled and treated carefully, they will certainly reward you with an abundance of bloom in winter, when everything outdoors is bare and dead. Mrs. Brada Geitgey.

Wooster, Ohio, Mar. 31, 1910.

Amaryllis.—Very much excited, on December 23, I called a flower-friend over the 'phone and said: "Guess what I discovered today?" She said: "Baby has a tooth!" I said: "Not yet, but pink Amaryllis has thrown up a flower-stalk; by the time it is in bloom baby will have a tooth." One will be as much good news as the other. It is a pink Amaryllis with a green throat, a beauty, as all lovers of Amaryllis know. Ima. Middlefield, Ohio.

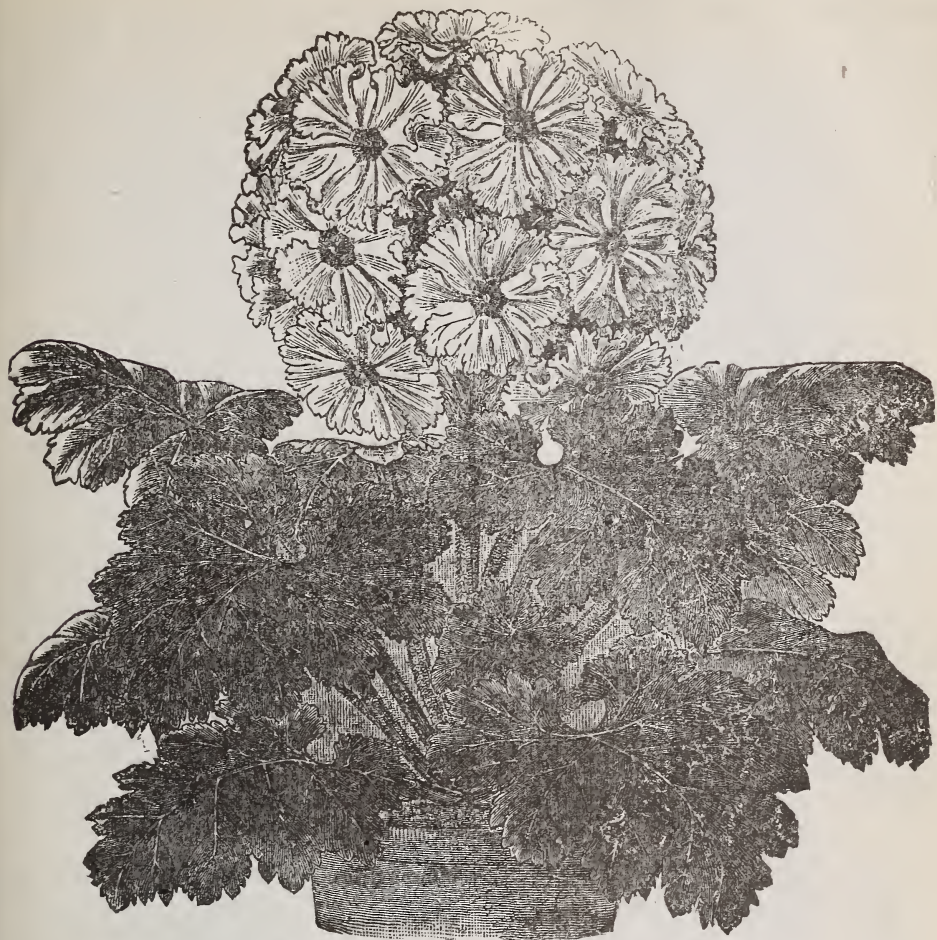


AMARYLLIS BLOOM.

Germination.—As to some slow-germinating seeds I think I have the limit. This time last year I bought seeds of *Eremurus robustus* (Himalayan Lily), Japanese Maples and Hyacinth tree. I sowed some, then waited for them to grow up. Disgusted, I sent a few weeks ago elsewhere for *Eremurus*. Today, while looking over the old seed-bed, I discovered six spikes of *Eremurus*, four Japanese Maples and two Hyacinth or *Sorbigolia* trees. Of course, I'm delighted, but it took a year! A year ago I also sowed Holly seeds. Nothing showed up. A few days ago I chanced to read in a magazine that it took Holly two years to germinate. So I have still one year to wait. I read at the same time that there was no reason why we in Southern Ohio could not raise Holly. But how tiresome it is to wait for two years for it to germinate! Mrs. R. Winter. Hamilton Co., Ohio, April 2, 1910.

Phlox.—My favorite annual is *Phlox Drummondii*. Last summer I had three beds of them in all the colors, and how beautiful they were! L. S. Johnson. Parke Co., Ind., Feb. 24, 1910.

Starting Roses.—I start Prairie Queen and Rambler Roses from cuttings, inserting them in a shady bed and turning a glass can over them. Mrs. E.E. Cranmer. White Co., Ind., Mar. 24, 1910.



CHINESE PRIMROSES.

IF THOSE of your readers who have never grown the Chinese Primrose could have seen mine at any time last winter, they would surely invest in a packet of seeds now or order plants early in the fall. These were a pink and a white one, and were full of blossoms all winter, usually having from twenty-five to thirty-five flowers. Each blossom was very large for a Primrose, and they were a constant delight. Those who have never grown them from seeds should try them.

Many think seeds of window or greenhouse plants are difficult to grow, but these are no more trouble than many annuals. Sown early in fine soil, they grow readily and make strong plants for winter-blooming. The *Primula Obconica* is also easily grown from seeds, and is a constant bloomer. The flowers are not as large as the other variety, but they make a fine show, and the plants require no more care than other window plants. They are never troubled by insect pests, and do finely in a north window. They require considerable water, and will not stand strong sunlight. Try them and you will never regret it.

Aunt Eda.

Tioga Co., N. Y., Apr. 9, 1910.

Window Tulips.—Last Christmas I received a collection of Tulips as a gift, and planted them in a window box which I placed in the cellar until they started. The soil was sand and good loam mixed. When they began to start I brought the box up and put it in my room window. The plants grew finely, and on the 22d of March I had red and yellow Tulips in bloom; at Easter pink ones opened, and now the deep red ones are showing. They are very lovely. Today I see some gay Parrot Tulips appearing in my box. A.M.B.

Windham Co., Conn., Apr. 5, 1910.

The Petunia.—For an all-round flower the single Petunia is very desirable. It makes a fine show for a little money. Get the dark, velvety red and the pink, and both colors with a star center. The plants endure the sunshine, drouth and rain, and just bloom on and on. They thrive and bloom with but little care.

White Co., Ind.

SINGLE PETUNIAS.

Mrs. E. E. Cranmer.



CULTURE OF GLADIOLUS.

FROM BULBS.—In any ordinary soil the Gladiolus will do well, but still better if planted in enriched soil. The soil should be dug thoroughly about a foot deep; two days after, work it over with an iron rake, making it fine and mellow and mixing some manure in. Old cow-manure is the best of all fertilizers. The bulbs should be planted about the middle of May, in full sunshine. Before planting the Gladiolus, remove all loose husks, dead roots and stalks. Set the bulbs eight inches deep, putting a handful of sand under each. If planted deeply, the Gladiolus will not be affected by cold, heat or drouth. In summer they should be well supplied with water and cultivated. The Gladiolus blooms in July and August. Plant five inches apart in rows five inches apart also. Bulbs planted at intervals of two weeks will prolong the season of bloom.

The Gladiolus should be planted in front of shrubbery, the rich coloring of the flowers



BULBLETS, BULB, FLOWER, SPIKES.

contrasting strikingly with the green foliage. Wood-ashes can be used for stiffening the stems of the plants. Ashes should never be used or mixed with manure, as that releases the ammonia in the latter, the most valuable plant food. The stalk should not be cut after the plant is through flowering, so as to ripen the bulbs. Large bulbs do not always bloom. Some varieties produce small bulbs, and yet bloom freely, even the tiny bulblets. No plant should be allowed to form seeds, as each strong bulb produces three or four new ones. Before the ground freezes, take up and allow them to dry in the warm sunshine. Six inches from the crown of the bulb cut the stem; never pull or break any stalk, as that would injure the new shoot. They can be either hung up in bunches or put in a box of sand in a dry, cool place; never bring the Gladiolus in until thoroughly dry, as a green one would rot up. Avoid successive planting

in the same soil; change the locality of the bed, so as to return to the spot in three years.

BULBLETS.—The first season the bulblets require little space. Drills three inches deep should be made. Plant the bulblets two inches apart. A handful of sand should be put under each. Take up in the fall, treat as the larger bulbs and plant early in the spring, as they lose their vitality soon.

Edward J. Vlasak.

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 17, 1910.

CARE OF AZALEA.

MR. EDITOR:

I HAVE been very successful with Azaleas. I have two large ones that have bloomed for several winters. Some years I set them out in the hot sun, and some years in shade, under two apple-trees, and I always give them plenty of water. Last winter they needed repotting, and were getting so large I knew they would fill a window each this year. So, when through blooming, I took them out of No. 8 pots, took a knife and cut the roots well back, replaced them in No. 8 pots and cut the tops back. All long shoots and one large side shoot from one were cut back. I shaped each top well and took the same care as before, and the past winter and spring I had the finest bloom I ever had. They made plenty of new growth after pruning. I have five fine Azaleas now. Two are still in bloom. I am trimming as fast as the blooms fade. The old wood is very brittle and breaks very easily.

Georgia C. Price.

Monongalia Co., W. Va., Apr. 18, 1910.

WEIGELA AND PHILADELPHUS.

MR. EDITOR:

I DO WISH you and all the flower-loving folk could see my pink Weigela bush. It is a perfect cloud of pink, and just enough green peeping through to make it perfect. It is twelve feet across, and seven feet high. The low limbs touch the grass. It is a perfect sheet of bloom. I do not believe it could bear any more flowers.

And just a little distance from the pink Weigela stands a Philadelphus (Mock-orange). It is nine feet across, and eleven feet high. Its little fat buds are just bursting. I have two kinds. One has long, slender leaves, something like a peach leaf, the other has broad, short leaves; but the flowers of both are the same.

Mrs. M. Morrison.

Atchison Co., Kan.

Note.—Philadelphus coronarius is the real Mock-orange, so-called because of its orange-blossom-like fragrance. It is early-blooming, and of compact growth. It is the one with broad, short leaves. Philadelphus grandiflorus is without fragrance, and blooms about the time the flowers of Mock-orange fade. The bush is more robust and loose in growth, and bears larger flowers. The improved variety far surpasses the native sort in size of flower and cluster, as well as free-blooming. Both of these species of Philadelphus are hardy, and are beautiful shrubs, growing from six to twelve feet high.—Ed.

FLORAL POETRY.

MY LITTLE WILD WHITE ROSE.

It was peeping through the brambles,
That little wild white Rose,
Where my Hawthorn hedge was planted
My garden to inclose.
All without was Fern and Heather,
On a wild and breezy moor;
All within was sun and shelter,
And the wealth of beauty's store.
But it did not hold the fragrance
Of flower or of tree,
For my eye was on that rosebud,
And it grew just too high for me.

In vain I strove to reach it
Through its tangled mass of green.
But it only smiled and nodded
From behind its thorny screen.
Yet throughout the summer morning
I lingered near the spot.
Oh, why do things seem sweeter
When we possess them not?
My garden buds were blooming,
But all that I could see
Was that mocking little rosebud,
Hanging just too high for me.



So in life's wider garden
There are buds of promise, too,
Beyond our reach to gather,
But not beyond our view;
And like the little charmer
That tempted me astray,
They steal out half the sweetness
Of many a summer day.
Oh, hearts that fail with longing
For some forbidden tree!
Look up and learn a lesson
From my white Rose and me.

'Tis wiser far to number
The blossoms at our feet,
Than to be ever sighing
For just one bud more sweet.
My sunbeams and my shadows
Fall from the pierced hands;
Surely I can trust His wisdom
Since my heart He understands,
And maybe in the morning,
When His blessed face I see,
He will tell me why my rosebud
Grew just too high for me.

Brevard Co., Fla., Jan. 19, 1910. Mrs. Nesbitt.

CALIFORNIA POPPIES.

Beautiful sunshine Poppies,
Lifting their cups of gold,
Drinking the mellow sunshine,
All that their hearts will hold,
Until they seem a reflection
Of the sun's rays, bold and bright;
Beautiful golden Poppies—
They are my heart's delight.



I have lived far off in the Northland,
I have wandered amid the snow,
And plucked the pale, sweet blossoms
That deep in the forests grow;
But my thoughts e'er wandered backward,
For none were so fair to me
As the gorgeous, golden Poppies,
The Poppies beside the sea.

The Rose is the queen, they tell me,
The Lily is pure and fair,
And sweet Violets the blossoms
The ladies select to wear;
But I turn from them all to welcome
The flowers I love the best—
Beautiful sunshine Poppies,
The crown of the golden West.
Irma B. Matthews.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., March 16, 1910.

MAY.

The blossoms sweet are blooming
As they never bloomed before—
Pink and blue and purple-tinted,
White with crimson dotted o'er.
And 'tis May, the Robins tell me,
Singing 'round my cottage door.

In the meadow all the brooklets
Dance exultant on their way,
And the reeds along the marshes
Bend and beckon, nod and sway,
While the bees go honey-hunting,
Droning softly: "It is May".

Blue the heavens bend above me,
And my heart grows glad to see,
For the beauty of the springtime
Means fulfillment fond and free—
Means the glad and glorious coming
Of a promised joy to me.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

SUMMER.

Oh, welcome, bonnie summer!
For you we've waited long.
The scent of blooming Roses,
The Robin's rhythmic song,
The glint of rippling waters,
The skies of tender blue,
The breeze's subtle fragrance—
All, all belong to you.

Oh, welcome, bonnie summer!
A charm about you lies,
And from your grace we fashion
Our thought of Paradise.
Then is it any wonder
Each maid an angel seems,
And in the moonlight rambling
We dream celestial dreams?

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

A NATIONAL SIN.

Inscribed to Boys and Young Men.

[The following note and poem were received by the editor from Mary C. S. Woodward, Osborn, Ohio, author of "Roses and Thorns" and "Darkness and Dawn", for many years an esteemed and zealous missionary for the promotion of purity, cleanliness and right living. The poem is well written, and deserves a careful second reading.—Ed.]

My Dear Mr. Park:—Your article on the coarse, filthy, disgusting tobacco habit is the finest I ever saw. I am so glad to find a man who has the independence and backbone to come out and publicly denounce the degrading habit, and I would like to take you by the hand. A lady from Wisconsin, Miss H., writes, "Smoking is the vilest expression of beast-like selfishness"—God's truth, if it was ever told. Inclosed is my poem on "A National Sin", from which you can publish what you please.

"This grain of sand and tears we call the world"
Grows much that's beautiful, and much that comes
We know not why; perchance to cultivate
And teach us patience; nurture that within
Which fortifies us against adverse fate.
Creative Power has furnished fruits and flowers
In bounteous numbers; but for every flower
And luscious fruit that grow there comes to prey
Upon their beauty and utility
A noxious insect, to devour their sweets
And sap their juices.

But fair Nature's hand
Hath sent an antidote, a poisonous plant
Which will destroy and banish insect pests,
A baneful weed—Nicotian is its name.
The lowest beasts of all created kind,
The filthy swine, turn from it in disgust;
But man, the creature, who, 'tis wit, was formed
In God's own image, doth His law pervert;
Averse to nature, holds this poisonous weed
Higher than food, than health, than aught besides;
Than pure, clean air, the gift of God to earth,
Which His fair image has no right to taint
With foul contamination; than clean homes.
E'en in the home, which should be sweet and pure,
The wife must take the pestilential air
Into her being; babes must take, with their
First breath into their tender lungs, the foul
And noxious fumes, the baneful atmosphere;
And cleaning cuspidors becomes the daily toil
Of her who makes a habitable place,
How'er repugnant this foul task may be
To her chaste nature, hateful though it be
To scrub and scald the foul receptacles.
Home, which should be the purest spot on earth,
Home, where no foul, disgusting scents should fill
Each hall and corridor, to garments cling
And to the walls, hiding away the germs,
In secret places, of disease and death.

Why will man cling to this disgusting weed?
Would he enjoy seeing his mother smoke,
Sister or wife? Not one iota more
Than they does he need filthy nicotine.
I think me of the little child who asked:
"What ails my papa's mouf? The kisses don't
Taste good." Young lover, how would you enjoy
Seeing your sweetheart soiling her pure lips
With cigarettes? Would you not loathe the sight?
Oh, that the pulpit would cry out against
This sly octopus! Stealthily he winds,
With death-like grip, his long and slimy arms
Around unwary, unsuspecting youths,
Who fall, unwarned, into the fatal snare.
"Touch not the unclean thing!" should echo from
Pulpit and press. The warning should go forth
From every teacher, whose prerogative
It is to mold the plastic mind of youth.
The faithful teacher wields a mighty power,
Second to none—a potent force for good.

Young men! dear boys! let me appeal to you.
The aged sinner is to reason dumb;
His moral sense bedimmed by clouds of smoke—
I waste no words on him. Like Ephraim, he
Turns to his idols; but for you, young men
And growing youth, there yet is ample time
To pause, and leave untouched the "unclean thing";

To burst the fetters that have chained you down,
Making you slaves, slaves to a filthy vice.
Yes; vice I call it, needless, useless vice,
One which not only brings no good but ill,
And calls for other vices—wine, strong drink,
And others still, too base for words or speech.
Its injuries are mental, physical
And moral; it involves useless expense.
Young man, leaving the sin, think of the money cost
Of this disgusting habit!

You may think
This small consideration—nay, not so.
Littles will make a muckle, and the man
Who lives to threescore years, or three and ten,
And has been slave for all these years to this
Degrading vice, has chewed or smoked away
A splendid home, with all its comforts and
Conveniences; and lives, perchance, and dies
Without a shelter for his age.

Oh, rise,
Young man! and strike your shackles off
Ere 'tis too late; before the demon binds
You hand and foot, stand forth and be a man,
Not a bond slave, who art a freeman born!

O God! If I could know that word of mine
Would cause one youth to turn aside, and pause
Upon the precipice of what may be
The wreck of manhood—to shrink back appalled
And seek the safer path; could I persuade
Some boy, or some young man, to keep and hold
What he might waste in smoke and nastiness,
To rear some time a home, for which all men
Long soon or late; to make one pure and clean
And beautiful for one he will, some day,
Call by the name of wife—I would rejoice
And count my guerdon more than if I had
Unearthed with my own hand a mine of gold.

Osborn, Ohio. Mary C. Sloan Woodward,
Author of "Roses and Thorns" and "Darkness
and Dawn".

SPRING.

Do you see the work of artist
Who is going o'er the land,
Decorating and designing
As no other artist can?

You'll observe, but cannot see her,
While she tints the restful green,
Nor while painting and arranging
Scattered blossoms in between.

And included are the sunshine,
Shadow, dewdrop, welcome rain;
All are used, until the picture
Covers forest and the plain.

Fred A. Cunningham.
Middlesex Co., Mass., Jan. 21, 1910.

A SUMMER EVENING IN THE COUNTRY.

Cows coming home, through the lane, to their shelter,
Up from where pasture bars close from the field;
Over the hilltop the sunset shows purple—
Approaching of night with its mantle to shield.

Soon are the shadows gathering, gathering
Swiftly o'er woodland, the meadow and lake;
Song-birds are silent, but voice of the cricket,
That one note of song, doth the sweet silence
break.

Gentle and cooling the soft evening zephyrs,
Inviting a welcome while kissing each cheek;
And dew that's descending is also refreshing,
While down among earth's fairest bowers to seek.

Twinkling above are bright stars in blue zenith,
And sometimes the moon brightly crowning the
whole.

Yes; to be there on a calm Summer evening
Brings rest that is tranquil, sweet peace to the
soul. F. A. Cunningham.
Middlesex Co., Mass., Jan. 24, 1910.

WHIP-POOR-WILL.

A child lay in her dainty bed,
The pale moon shining overhead,
And as she sleep'ly nodded her head
This is the song she heard:
Whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will!

A mother is sitting hard at work
At tasks she was never known to shirk,
And as she listens at her work
This song she also heard:
Whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will!



A maiden stands beneath a tree,
Her lover is coming o'er the lea;
She also hears, though she cannot see,
The song of the bird:
Whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will!

And through the night there comes to me,
As I sit here waiting patiently
For a step that will come home to me,
The song of the bird:
Whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will!

Irma B. Matthews.
Los Angeles Co., Cal., March 16, 1910.

THE OLD DRUM.

I found it in the attic here,
With dust and cobwebs gray—
The gathered dust of many a year
Since it was laid away.
I brought it to the window light,
My heart aglow with joy—
The drum that led the men to fight
When Dad was drummer-boy.

The breath of spring was in the air,
And Lilies were in bloom,
And that was how I came to dare
Explore the garret's gloom,
Where in a corner, low and dark,
With many a broken toy,
I found the drum that made men hark
When Dad was drummer-boy.

My treasure from its gloom I'll take,
Memorial Day's at hand,
And when the bugle's echoes wake
Then close behind the band
I'll bear my prize, love-garlanded—
Its right none can destroy—
My veteran drum that led the fight
When Dad was drummer-boy.
Lalia Mitchell.

AT THE FLORIST'S.

The world was filled with snow and sleet,
The trees gleamed bare against the sky;
Deserted was each city street,
And heavy storm-clouds hung on high.

We raised the latch and passed into
The florist's building, tropical,
Where sweet perfume came stealing through,
Wafted from Rose and Lily bell
Erie Co., Pa., April 5, 1910. Lillie Ripley.

WOODS IN MAY.

When earth has 'wakened from her winter sleep,
And yawned and opened all her beauteous eyes,
And spread her emerald carpet full of dew,
Each night and morning, from the radiant skies;

When dainty butterflies float on the air
In pairs, like white Rose petals set afloat,
And the air is full of cool deliciousness,
And now and then is heard a clear bird note—

'Tis then I like to wander in the wood,
Where many Violets spread a soft, blue wave
Beneath the trees, and all among the moss,
And yellow ones gleam like lights in a fairy cave,

And the birds fill all the wood with melody—
'Tis then I like to linger there and dream,
To wander softly o'er the velvet moss,
Or rest beside the gurgling, woodland stream.
Erie Co., Pa., April 5, 1910. Lillie Ripley.

LAND OF MY DREAMS.

There's a flower-spangled meadow and a winding stream,
Where in childhood I used to play;
In the long, silent night I oft of them dream
Since from them I've wandered away.

When I think of my childhood so happy and free,
I live o'er those old days again.
Then I think of the friends there still waiting for me—
The thought fills my lone heart with pain.

That flower-spangled meadow I shall never more see,
Nor bathe in that pure, limpid stream.
Oh, friends of my childhood! why wait ye for me
In the land that I see in my dream?

For never again will I meet you, my friends,
Where in childhood I used to play;
But in heaven I'll meet you where joy never ends
And I'll never more wander away.
Valentine, Neb., April 4, 1910. Mary Babb.

THE ROBINS.

Sir Robin Redbreast has long been a rover,
Now he is back in the tree,
Singing his matin song over and over,
Filling the air with its glee.



Shy Mrs. Robin keeps well in the cover
There by the old orchard wall,
Listening still to the notes of her lover,
Answering oft with a call.

Soon they will build a wee house and together
Shelter their nestlings so fair—
Robin will sing in the stormiest weather,
Bidding defiance to care.
Waverly, N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

WILD ROSES.

Each Wild Rose tree a poem is,
Each petal is a line,
But I must needs a fairy be
To read its tracings fine,
Writ with so beautiful a pen,
In fragrance half divine.
Erie Co., Pa., April 5, 1910. Lillie Ripley.

BLUEBELLS.

"Dainty little Bluebells, you are wondrous fair,
Airy-like and fairy-like, dancing here and there.
Where were you last winter, when the north winds
blew?"

"Safe within our houses, warm and cozy, too."
"It must have been so tiresome with nothing there
to do."

"'Twas then we made these dresses, so dainty and
so blue." Mary Babb.

Valentine, Neb., April 4, 1910.

THAT APRON WHITE.

I've read a sonnet to the gown
That pretty Phyllis wears,
And to the bonnet, with its ties
Of dainty silk, that Mabel tries
To fashion charming for the eyes
Of one who boldly dares
To steal a kiss beneath its brim,
The while she frowns yet smiles at him.

But I would sing a fairer thing—
An apron soft and white
That Mary wears with charming grace;
Its pockets two and frills of lace.
On! oft my steps I'd fain retrace
When I have said "Good-night",
Yet hesitate, so fair she seems,
The dainty maid of all my dreams.

Some time I'll whisper low the word
That I have longed to speak,
And then, perhaps, I'll clasp her hand,
And she will quickly understand,
And if all goes as I have planned,
Ere many a passing week,
Instead of saying, "Dear, good-night",
I'll help untie that apron white.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

MY OLD COUNTRY HOME.

I think of my home on the sunny hill,
By the deep and shady vale;
And of the old and weather-faded house
That has stood through many a gale.

I think of the blooming Locust trees
That bordered the dusty road,
Where I heard the hum of the honey-bees
As I lay on the grassy sod.

I think of the homely stable-shed,
And the Willows in the glade,
Where the resting, chewing cattle stood
Content 'neath the swaying shade.



I think of the orchard near the house;
For the day that I left my home
I wept 'neath the dear old Apple trees,
So fragrant and full of bloom.

I think of the old and towering Pine
That sheltered the big front door,
And the lovely Honeysuckle vine
That I prized in days of yore.

Long days have passed since I left that home,
And I live amid other scenes;
But the sweets of my childhood's happy days
I recall in my pleasant dreams.
Sanilac Co., Mich., Feb. 23, 1910. Norman Robb.

THE FLOWERS' ANSWER.

Buttercups and Daisies, nodding in the breeze,
Why are you so happy? Won't you tell me, please?
Yes; I hear a whisper, gentle, soft and low:
"God, our Heavenly Father, is so good, you know,

"For He sends the sunshine and refreshing rain.
Tho' our lives are humble, they are not in vain;
We're just here for others, not for self we live.
But to lives of sadness comfort we may give.



"To hearts filled with sorrow we would ever sing:
'Look up, sad ones, rejoice; you're children of a
King;
And in the King's grand palace, where many man-
sions are,
No sickness ever enters, no sorrow, pain or care.

"And there they need no candle; indeed, there is
no night;
A holy radiance fills each room—the Lord God giv-
eth light.
And none in all that happy throng e'er thinks of
earthly years,
For God's own Hand such comfort gives and wipes
away all tears."

So all the little blossoms, nodding in the breeze,
And the lovely leaflets, fluttering on the trees,
Whisper words of comfort, as from day to day
On through life we journey, in the narrow way.

Emma P. Morrison.

Cameron Co., Pa., April 5, 1910.

THE WILD ROSE.

Among the thorns of a thistle bed
A Wild Rose raised her fair, pink head;
The wind was tossing her to and fro—
She only said, "I will stronger grow",
And as the storm went sweeping past,
She scattered her fragrance on the blast.

Away in this wildwood garden of mine
The storm is past and the sun will shine;
Come, enter it now with me, if you will,
Tho' the raindrops abound and glitter still;
Come, gather these Roses sweet and wild,
Which on the tempest bravely smiled.

How sweetly the close-shut buds unfold,
Revealing in each a heart of gold!
Ah! now the storm has passed away.
How bright and how lovely beams the day!
Thus, 'mid your trials, ever seek
A lowly spirit, firm but meek.

Placer Co., Cal., March 23, 1910. Cora Brumback.

SHENANDOAH.

Through Virginia's flowery valley the Shenandoah
glides;
Its waters ever hurrying to join old ocean's tides.
Wherever I may linger, whatever may betide,
My thoughts will often wander to Shenandoah's side.

Since I left the Shenandoah, oh, many years have
flown!
I've passed through clouds and sunshine, both joy
and grief I've known.

But, oh! tonight I'm longing for just one little gleam
Of the river and the flowers that grew beside the
stream.

Had I an eagle's pinions to Virginia I would fly,
And gaze on Shenandoah once more before I die;
On its banks I'd sit and ponder, and dream the live-
long day—

'Twould be sweet to sit there dreaming and dream-
ing pass away.

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Aunt Mary.
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THE PANSY AND THE YELLOW-BIRD.

There was once an old widow, very poor and seldom well. She lived in a poor house with her son Charles, a strong boy of nine years. One bright day in spring Charles came home from school, whistling, and his mother called to him and said: "Charles, here are some Pansy seeds which you may plant, and when they are grown you can sell the Pansies and keep the money." He went immediately and planted them, but forgot to cover one of the seeds.



One day a little Yellow-bird was hopping around where the Pansies were planted, and he spied the lonely Pansy seed. Then he said: "Have you no friend?"

"No," said the Pansy seed.

"Then I shall be your only friend", said the Yellow-bird.

Then the Yellow-bird dug a hole with his beak and dropped the tiny seed into it, and covered it up. Every day he came back to the spot where he had planted the seed. One day he was surprised to see a wee little stalk where he had dropped the seed. Many days afterward there was a bud on the stalk, and then one day the bud was open, and there was a beautiful flower. It was more beautiful than any of the flowers that Charles had planted.

One day Charles came home from school and ran to see his Pansies. He soon had them in bunches to sell, but he did not take the little one that the little Yellow-bird had planted. He said it was too pretty. So one day the Yellow-bird came and took the Pansy to his nest to live with him. But it soon withered, and the sad little bird went and got a seed in his mouth and flew down South with it, where he planted it.

And that is why the birds have Pansies in the South when the ground is all covered with snow in the North.

Paul T. Wohlson, aged 9 years.
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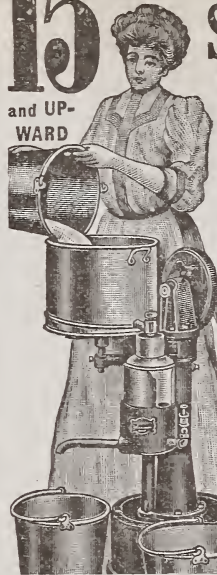
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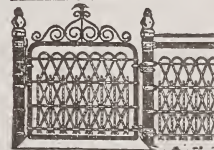
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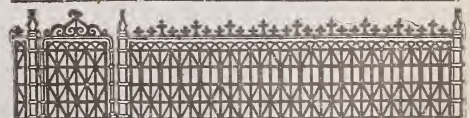
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Tender Plants.

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Thomsonii Plena
Santana
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Acacia Lophantha Dwarf
Acalypha Macaëana
Achyranthus, new Carmine
Emersoni
Ægopodium podagraria
Ageratum, white
Alstromeria aurantiaca
Ampelopsis Veitchii
Quinquefolia
Anemone, Queen Charlotte
Whirlwind
Anomatheca cruenta
Apios tuberosa
Aristolochia elegans
Arum Italicum
Cornutum
Asparagus Sprengeri
Plumosis nanus
Decumbens
Bauhinia purpurea
Begonia robusta
Argentea Guttata
Nitiida rosea
Bougainvillea Sanderi
Cactus, Opuntia variegata
Queen of Night
Calla, spotted-leaf
Camphor Tree
Carex Japonica
Carica Papaya
Cyperus Alternifolius, Umbrella Plant
Coleus Verschaffeltii
Carmine Glow
Fancy mixed
Crape Myrtle, pink
Crassula cordata
Canna variegata
Robusta, red-leaved
Cilanthus fragrans
Daisy, Shasta
Dicylra eximia
Spectabilis
Eranthemum pulchellum
Erythrina crista galli
Eucomis punctata
Fern, Tarrytown, dwarf
Nephrolepis compacta
Boston, tall
Scottii, dwarf
Pierson Plume
Fuchsia Speciosa, single
Little Prince, single
Silver King, double
Double White
Funkia subcordata
Undulata variegata
Grevillea robusta
Guava, common
Cattleyana
Heliotrope, white
Dark Blue, Violet
Hoya Carnosa
Habrochamnus elegans
Hemerocallis flava
Dumortieri
Middendorffiana
Sieboldii
Thunbergii

Ivy, Irish or parlor
Impatiens Sultan
Holsti
Iris, Mme. Chereau
Florentine blue
Purple, white
Foetidissima variegata
May Queen
Palida Dalmatica
Pseud-Acorus, yellow
Sibirica
Jasmine Revolutum
Grandiflorum
Gracillimum
Justicia sanguinea
Velutina
Lantana, weeping
Dwarf hybrids in variety
Mackaya Bella
Mexican Primrose
Montbretia Germanica
Nasturtium, double-yellow
Oxalis Golden Star
Arborea pink, white
Palm Phoenix Tenuis
Pritchardia Filamentosa
Brahea Filamentosa
Palmetto
Peperomia maculosa
Polygonum multiflorum
Poppy, perennial
Primula Chinese, white
Pink
Salvia Alfred Reganeau
Splendens, Bonfire
Coccinea splendens
Patens, blue
Rutilans
Sausseveria Zeylanica
Smilax Boston
Solanum grandiflorum
Rantonetti
Sollya heterophylla
Surinam Cherry
Tradescantia Zebrina
Tritoma Carolina
McOwani
Umbrella Tree
Vinca rosea
Veronica Imperialis

Hardy Plants.

Arabis Alpina
Alyssum Saxatile
Anthemis Nobilis
Aquilegia, single red
Single, pink
Canadensis
Arisæma, Indiau Turnip
Aster, hardy
Achillea, the Pearl
Anthemium Liliastrium
Anemone Whirlwind
Queen Charlotte
Apios Tuberosa
Begonia Evansiana, Hardy
Coreopsis Lanceolata
Campanula in variety
Calamusa Acorus, variegated
Cerastium grandiflora
Carnation, Margaret, pink
White, Yellow and Red
Cineraria Maritima
Daisy Shasta
Delphinium in variety

Dicylra Eximia
Spectabilis Bleeding Heart
Digitalis Foxglove
Funkia Subcordata grandiflora
Undulata Variegata
Ovata
Geranium Maculatum
Sanguineum
Pratensis
Gaillardia grandiflora
Hypericum Moserianum
Hibiscus Crispus Eye
Helianthus Maximilliana
Hemerocallis Flava
Dumortieri
Middendorffiana
Sieboldii
Thunbergia
Iris, German Blue
May Queen
Rosy Queen
Iris Florentine, white
Blue, also Purple
Mme. Chereau
Foetidissima variegata
Pallida Dalmatica
Pseudo Acorus yellow
Siberica Atropurpurea
Kaempferi Leopold II
Queen of Blues
Glorie de Rotterdam
Kermesinianum
Mont Blanc
Linum Perenne
Takesima
Lily of the Valley, German
Fortin's Giant, Dutch
Lavender, fragrant
Lilium Tigrinum, single
Myosotis, Alpestris
Malva Moschata
Nepeta, Catnip
Poppy Perennial
Fancy in variety
Phlox Boule de Feu, scarlet
Boule de Nieve, white
Faust, lilac
Adonis, white, rosy centre
Polygonum multiflorum
Pyrethrum, Hardy Cosmos
Plumbago, Lady Arpent
Peregrine Pea, pink, red, white
Platycodon, White, Blue
Pinks, hardy, mixed
Phalaris, ribbon-grass
Parsley, Moss Curled
Rocket, Sweet
Rudbeckia Golden Glow
Purpurea
Spiraea Gladstone, white
Venusta, pink
Palmata elegans
Saxifraga peltata
Sweet William
Salvia Pratensis
Tritoma Carolina
McOwani
Tansy
Thyme, variegated
Tricyrtus Hirta
Vinca, Blue Myrtle
Viola, Marie Louise
Yucca filamentosa
Quadriflor

Shrubs and Trees.

Ailanthus glandulosa
Akebia quinata
Althea, double, also Single
Amorpha fruticosa
Ampelopsis Veitchii
Quinquefolia
Andromeda arborea
Benzoin odoriferum
Berberis Jamesonii
Thunbergii
Bignonia Radicans
Capreolata
California Privet
Calycanthus floridus
Cercis canadensis
Cladrastis tinctoria
Celastrus scandens
Cytisus Laburnum
Deutzia gracilis
Crenata fl. pleno
Pride of Rochester
Eucalyptus, Blue Gum
Euonymus Americana
Exochorda grandiflora
Forsythia Viridissima
Suspensa (Sieboldii)
Ginkgo Biloba
Hamamelis Virginiana
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy
Reticulata aurea
Scarlet trumpet
Hydrangea paniculata
Arborescens
Drospyrus virginica
Ivy, English, green
Variegated-leaved
Jasmine nudiflorum
Keria Japonica fl. pleno
Koeleruteria paniculata
Ligustrum Ibotum
Lilac, common
Liquidambar, sweet gum
Maple, scarlet
Sugar, also Cut-leaf
Paulownia imperialis
Poplar or Tulip tree
Philadelphus, Mock Orange
Rhamnus Carolina
Rhus Aromatica
Robinia, Flowering Locust
Pseud-acacia
Rose, Baltimore Belle
Crimson Rambler
Mary Washington
Prairie Queen
Seven Sisters
Tennessee Belle
Wichuriana, white
Single, pink, climbing
Sambucus Canadensis
Spiraea Anthony Waterer
Callosa alba
Reevesii, double
Van Houttei, single
Symphoricarpos racemosa
Red Snowberry
Tamarix
Ulmus Americanus, Elm
Alata, Cork Elm
Weeping Willow
Wistaria magnifica
Xanthorrhiza apiifolia

These Plants, Shrubs and Trees are all well-rooted and in fine condition. I have a full stock now, and can mostly supply anything in the list. This list will be changed monthly, and terms may vary, according to the stock on hand. Tell your friends. Get up a club. Address

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Lancaster Co., Pa.

THE OLD FOLK'S CORNER.

Mr. Editor:—You want me to join your Posy family. Well, I'm a March Posy. I first saw the light of this world on March 9, 1840, so you see I'm no bud. I "came to town" in old Knox Co., Ohio, right in the woods, where we did not have many flowers, but I was always fond of them. Well, I grew up in the woods, got the woods cleared away, and when I became a man I found a Posy down by the Licking River, a Daisy, and I just plucked her as soon as I could, and took her to my log cabin. But I tell you, Mr. Editor, it just kept me hustling to keep her from wilting. Energy and industry were successful, though, and we got along pretty well. In time two little Posies were grouped about the first, and then Uncle Sam wanted me to help him a while, so I left cobblin' and the Posies, which was a hard experience. After a while I returned and began cobblin' again, and my Posies consisted of four girls and one boy, all of whom grew up. And then, Mr. Editor, came the heartaches: One of those fair flowers sickened and died, then another, then another—three inside of one year. It just spoiled my nice flower-bed. The one left was the greatest girl for flowers you ever saw. She just had everything. You will find her name on your list some years back. She took your Magazine for years, and surely did have nice flowers. She, too, left me two years ago. We just buried her in flowers. Then the neighbors kept saying: "What are you going to do with Clarrie's flowers?" Oh, Mr. Editor! I could not see her flowers go, so I just made a flower man out of myself, and when in the yard working among the flowers I often hear passing folks say: "Did you ever see such beautiful flowers, and so many of them?" Now, Mr. Editor, that is not all. That beautiful flower I picked down by the Licking River in 1863 went away to be with the four dear ones. So that just leaves the old, broken-hearted man here with his boy and the flowers, and I expect to have lots of flowers. That is why I am sending for more seeds, and renewing the Magazine subscription. I go now. My epistle is long enough, and I have written the best I can. I'm an old man, but trust I shall belong to your Posy family while I live, which will not be long. So good-by!

Yours truly, J. W. Speelman.

Homer, Licking Co., Ohio, Mar. 12, 1910.

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GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Penn'a

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—Everybody admires my flowers, and many people drive around by my house from the village to look at the lovely flowers. I tell my friends I could not raise such lovely things if it were not for Park's Magazine. I could not get on without it. Mr. Park, I do not keep any cats now, and I care nothing for them, although I used to love them dearly. I did not then realize how much mischief they did, or know of the disease germs they might carry in their fur. But we love flowers, both husband and I. Mrs. A. W. Bickford.

Orleans Co., Vt., Jan. 26, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I think you have been a kind of public benefactor to the common people who love flowers. Your Magazine is full of practical, common-sense floral information, minus the high-colored, spread-eagle articles and cuts in high-priced journals. Your method of giving brief descriptions of quite a number of plants with illustrations in each issue of the Magazine, and also cultural directions in many cases, is a practical and valuable feature in the make-up of your publication. Isaiah Reid.

Ingleside, Cal., March 25, 1910.

Mr. Editor:—How refreshing it is to know there are people who are interested in the betterment of mankind to such an extent that they will revolt against the general customs of our country. I have just read the Pennsylvania schoolteacher's letter, and I am glad there are at least a few who show mercy to every living thing.

People seem to regard the destruction of life, both plant and animal, as of little consequence unless it cripples the people financially. The real beauty of life is not found until we learn how to appreciate Nature.

Not long ago I went into a store to purchase a hat, but found none of the style that I desired. But what were trimmed were trimmed in birds' feathers, and I asked the milliner to trim one with flowers. She seemed to think me a "crank" when I told her I did not like to think of some poor, little bird being sacrificed for my adornment. It was not long after this that I was one of a hundred and fifty schoolteachers, principally women, who wore hats decorated chiefly with wings, crests, aigrettes, etc. I found it interesting and somewhat appalling to take particular notice of their hats. I found but six or eight in the whole assembly without the plumage of some bird.

It does seem like a crime to gather spring flowers. When a child I used to gather wild flowers, yet when I plucked one I did so with an apology to it, and promised it in my heart I would not let it wilt, but keep it fresh and cool as long as I could. Of course, this was only a compromise with the flower on my part. A few years ago I heard a teacher say to her class of little ones that the birds loved the flowers and trees. Then she asked them if they had ever seen a bird sitting on a stack of dreary rocks singing his song. About her last words were: "When you pick flowers won't you leave some of the prettiest ones for the birds?"

I think Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies" has helped me to hold a deep reverence for Nature. Ferrol F. Ellis.

Orlando, Okla., March 29, 1910.

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QUESTIONS.

Poinciana Gillesii.—Is this plant, commonly known as Bird of Paradise, hardy in Missouri? Will someone who knows answer?—Mrs. F., Kansas City, Mo.

Cactuses.—How many kinds of Cactuses are there, and where can I buy them separately?—M. M. Willets, Oregon.

Note.—Cactus dealers should advertise in the Magazine, to supply the demand in their line.—Ed.

Milk and Wine Lily.—Why does my Milk and Wine Lily fail to bloom?—Mrs. S., Miss.

Various Questions.—What is the name of the single-flowered, pinkish-salmon Geranium used at the Seattle Fair? Which are the best Geraniums to bloom, and which bear the largest clusters? Which is the best dark-red Tea Rose—one with buds like Kaiserin Augusta Victoria? Also the best salmon-colored Rose? Will "Ima" and others tell us about the new varieties of flowers they have tried?—A. L., Miss.

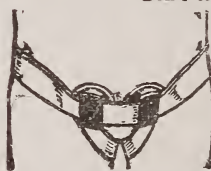
Amarylhis.—A writer in the Magazine states that her Amarylhis Johnsonii blooms twice a year. What treatment should be given to get this result? My bulb scarcely ever blooms.—Mrs. C., N. Y.

Azalea and Magnolia.—I would like to know the proper treatment for Azalea and Magnolia. I have bought many of them, but they always die.—Mrs. S., Hinds Co., Miss., Mar. 31, 1910.

Abutilon.—I have two plants of Abutilon which bloom well, but the leaves turn yellow and drop off. How should I treat them?—Mrs. H., N.Y., Mar. 3, 1910.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little invalid 11 years old, and was not strong enough to go to school, but I study at home and am in the third grade. I have two Banties and a little dog. I live two miles from Hebron, Ky. Cora G. Utz.

Hebron, Boone Co., Ky., Apr. 4, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 14 years, and love all flowers. We have about 50 house plants and a large bed of flowers every year, and I like to work in the garden. I like the birds, and there are lots of them around our house. We have seven cats. Katie Merond.

Fancher, Wis., April 13, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I do enjoy the description of your foreign trip, as published in the Magazine, to which I am a subscriber. I am an invalid, and have had to live and sleep outdoors for two years, having tuberculosis. My health is somewhat improved now. I love flowers dearly, and would be glad to hear from any flower-loving person, to help pass away some lonely hours.

Mildred Sype.

Buchanan Co, Ia., April 1, 1910.

Mr. Park:—In the year 1906 we had our dooryard full of flowers. We just had paths to walk in, the rest was all full of flowers, such as Marigolds, Touch-me-nots, Carnations and Roses. We had a bed of Pansies about two yards square.

Goldie Richter.

Marshall Co., Ind., March 10, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I had Hyacinths, Freesias, Crocuses, Oxalis, Triteleia, Calochortus, Tritonias, Narcissus and Sacred Lilies in my window, also a Primula obconica and two Impatiens Sultanii. I love to care for flowers, and I have a large bulb-bed outdoors. I have taken your Magazine for a number of years.

Gertrude Lawrence.

Harrison Co., Ia., March 28, 1910.

Ocala, Florida.—This town is situated near the center of the State, many miles away from either the ocean, gulf or bay. The land seems to be of good quality for Florida, and there are beautiful homes and shade trees there. Years ago oranges were successfully grown there, but the freezes that have occurred within the past few years have discouraged that industry. The first time I saw it there were some Orange groves bearing, but a freeze had ruined them, and the ground was golden with the fallen fruit. It does not have the modifying effect of water, and the temperature is consequently more changeable than that along the border. The storms are no worse there than in other parts of the State. It is a beautiful section of the State, and is the home of intelligent and enterprising people.

OLD FOLK'S CORNER.

Mr. Park:—I have now passed the 73d year of my age, and am not as strong to cultivate flowers as I would like to be. I have taken your Magazine for a good many years, and always find something interesting and instructive in it. I hope to have some flowers this year, but the birds ate the first sowing of Poppies, and my neighbor's chickens seem inclined to help cultivate the ground, though I do not appreciate their efforts in my behalf.

Mrs. H. W. Baker.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Mar. 7, 1910.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is worth more to me than all the other floral periodicals put together. It is the most interesting of all my reading matter, and the most instructive. I have been taking it since I saw the first copy, and it seems to grow better if possible.

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And bring the happy birds with me,
To sing for you at early dawn
In orchard bare, on leafless lawn,
And build their nests beside your door,
And rear their young as oft before.

I come, I come with azure skies,
And rainbows to delight your eyes,
That you may soon forget the snows,
And all the winter's nameless woes.
With grasses green and blooms of gold
I carpet now the barren wold;
A hundred longed-for joys I bring
To comfort you who love the spring.

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Ruth Raymond.

PEACHBLOSSOM TIME.

It is Peachblossom time, and Sir Robin is there,
High up in the tree, with a go-happy air;
He sings and he swings in the light of the dawn,
While his timid brown mate lingers near on the lawn.
There is joy in the hedge-row, and joy in the lane,
For Spring has brought back all her blessings again;
The children are happy, their sweet voices chime:
"It is Peachblossom time! it is Peachblossom time!"

It is Peachblossom time, and the orchards are fair
As the face of the maiden whose blushes declare
Her lover is near, while her eyes are cast down
To the dainty lace ruffle that borders her gown.
The mountains are greener, the skies deeper blue,
The blossoms the pinkest that ever we knew,
As round above round of Spring's pleasures we climb:
It is Peachblossom time! it is Peachblossom time!

Waverly, N. Y.

Ruth Raymond.

MURDERING THE BIRDS.

About all of the eastern portion of Ruthersford county, Tenn., is excited over the capture of redbreast robins at the "roosts" near Lofton, a few miles east of Murfreesboro. It is said these birds congregate in the cedars in that neighborhood in countless thousands every night and parties are formed to capture them.

Esquire Sam Rucker and a party of friends raided the roosts last Friday night and made the unprecedented catch of 2,637 birds. It is estimated that 150,000 birds have been caught within the last three weeks on the grounds.

One hunter reports that he caught 377 birds in one tree. The plan adopted by the hunters is to have "catchers" stationed in the cedars, and others "drive" the birds to them. Those stationed in the trees are provided with bags, in which the birds are thrust when caught. It is expected that the "season" will continue for about three weeks, after which the robins will take their departure. The birds sell readily on the local market at ten cents per dozen, and are anxiously sought after.

Note.—The above is taken from a local paper. Bird-lovers of Tennessee, is this true? Are there no laws to protect insectivorous birds in your state? If not, is it not high time the subject be considered and made a matter of law?—Ed.

Tobacco Stems.—These can be obtained at the cigar factory, or from almost any florist. The cost is trifling at the cigarmaker's—often the applicant can have what he wants for taking it away. By mail a pound would cost at least 25 cents, as the postage would be at least 16 cents. The editor of this Magazine could supply them at this price.

FROM EASTERN FLORIDA.

Mr. Park, and all the readers of Park's Floral Magazine:—I do wish you could be with me this lovely "June" morning (March 14th) to go through my Citrus grove and catch the odor of Grapefruit and Orange blossoms, not leaving out the King Orange and the Mandarins and Tangerines, for, while their blossoms are small, they are just as sweet. As we wander around we will also look at the Mango and Aracado Pear trees, now heavy with their tropical fruit, and I know we will not miss the flower-beds. Cannas, you know, are native to Florida's Hammock land, and the improved varieties take just as kindly to our sandy land.



I have a Canna Pennsylvania that has not died down in more than 18 months and is full of bloom always. The Crozy Cannas die down in winter to take a rest, but now, in March, are budding for bloom. Then Petunias and Gaillardias just take to this soil, and I have one double Gaillardia

five feet in diameter, and of course more than three times that distance around. It is a mass of bloom, and is admired by every passer-by. Its seeds are going away with many tourists. My beds of Phloxes, Zinnias and Nasturtiums are a wonder in their profusion of bloom. Maurandya vines are almost wild here, but I see no white. I have sowed seed three or four times, but as yet have none; and I am especially anxious for the white, as its flowers are larger. My Japanese Morning-glories are a lovely tangle of bloom this morning, all the blues imaginable—even the Royal and Copenhagen blues are among them, and pinks and royal purples—all in bands and marks of white, throats tinted red and pure white. But I could "go on forever" with the bloom on this east coast of Florida, so must say by-by to all.

Mrs. R. S. Truslow.
Cocoanut Grove, Fla., March 14, 1910.

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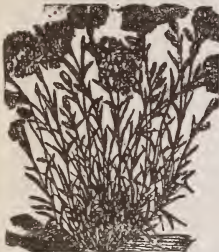
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Let us learn this lesson, too:
When dark sorrow comes to you,
Raise the heart in songs above,
Trusting ever, God is love.

M. C. Brumback.

Placer Co., Cal., March 25, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—Your advertisement in the Woman's Home Companion is so interesting that I shall yield to the impulse to "write" you "a letter", as you suggest—not a difficult task, for the curtain of the vanished years is lifted, and children's voices announce happily: "Here, mamma, is Park's Magazine. Do you wish to read it now, or may I have it?" And wee girl and merry, romping boy, both ardent flower-lovers, shared the bright pages of the little Magazine.

The years have robbed me of the son, and left no other to fill the vacancy; but the small girl has grown to womanhood, with an unabated affection for the dear, little, old-time friend—Park's Magazine. You could find my name upon your old mailing-lists, and (now be surprised) among some old numbers of the Magazine I found the number which contained your picture, just after your college graduation.

Across the lapse of time I grasp your (mental) hand in renewal of the old friendship. So anxious am I that my friends should know you also that I shall present two of them with copies for this year.

Mrs. Nellie Baker.

Ogle Co., Ill., Feb. 25, 1910.

Boys and Birds.—A correspondent from Mansfield, Pa., complains that a boy living nearby goes out with a gun almost daily, and always comes in with birds, often eight or ten different specimens, and that he continually carries a slingshot, so that he may kill any bird he sees when he does not have his gun with him. To let such a character go on unmolested in this state is almost criminal, for he or his father would have to pay, according to law, \$5.00 for every song-bird killed. One or two applications of law would effectually stop such wholesale destruction of bird-life. Why not apply the remedy provided?—Ed.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for four or five years, and we all think it is the best periodical published for information on flowers and their culture.

Russell Shell.

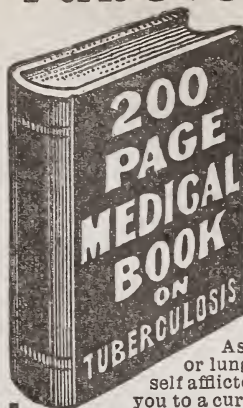
Snohomish Co., Wash., March 13, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I enjoy your Magazine more than I can tell you. Your letters describing your trip abroad, and also your letters to the children, are very interesting.

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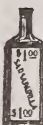
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GOSSIP.

Cactus and Crinum.—I have a few Cactuses, one of which is a Cereus, a giant 16 feet high. I also have Crinum pedunculatum, the monster of Crinums, and a very desirable plant. L. S. Johnson.

Parke Co., Ind., Feb. 24, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I live in a large town, and to get money to spend for flowers and plants and other things I started to earn my own pocket money. I make bread, cakes and pies, and my groceryman lets me place them in his store for sale. My trade is growing, and I shall soon require help and a salesroom for myself. This may be a useful hint to other sisters.

Mrs. Rose Byers.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 8, 1910.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl 10 years old. I like farm life fine. We have lots of flowers in the summer. My favorites are Roses and Violets. Postals exchanged.

Martha Clay.

Jacksonville, Ala., April 11, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 8 years old, am going to school and learning to play the organ. Papa has a farm of 50 acres, and rents grandma's farm of 125 acres. We keep 8 cows, 4 horses, 22 hens, 5 turkeys,



8 sheep, and a pet lamb. I have three plants of my own, and mamma is going to buy me some flower seeds for my garden this summer. I like to read your Magazine.

Leota Lawrence.

Lisbon, N. Y., March 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 8 years old and live on a farm. We have 3 horses, a colt, 6 cows, 10 pigs and 9 little lambs. I have a doll I call Ruth, and a little bed for it.

Esther V. Burkholder.

Chambersburg, Pa., March 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter 9 years old, and go two miles to school. I have 3 guineas and a pet calf, also a pony named Dick, which I ride to school sometimes.

Nona Whitlows.

Montalba, Tex., March 15, 1910.

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And a carpet of Ground Ivy—
Almost a solid mass.

There, too, were Poppies, rich and red,
And Lilies, pure and bright,
With Lady Slippers in a row,
And "Pins" large and white.

But best of all the flowers she loved,
And tended with much care,
The sweet, old-fashioned Garden Pink,
That filled the border there.

Now all, alas! have passed away—
My mother and her flowers;
But in fond mem'ry they return
To cheer my lonely hours.

Montgomery Co., Ind., Jan. 18, 1910. Mrs. M. F.

AN APPRECIATED LETTER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am sending you one of my mother's first Magazine copies, to let you know that it has been handed down to the third generation, when you see the order that I will send today in another letter, as it will be for Mrs. R. S. Sawyer, Jr., who lives at 2845 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

We enjoy your Magazine very much. I received my Guide and Magazine this week. The editorials are fine. Mrs. S. B. Ellis was my dear mother. She raised eight girls, of whom five are now living. I wonder if you are still living, or if your business is carried on by your descendants.

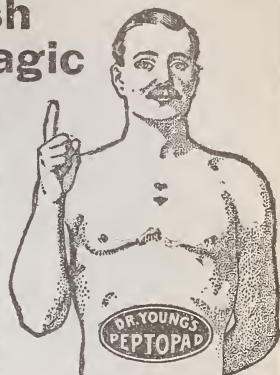
Apr. 11, 1910. Mrs. R. S. Sawyer.
3235 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Mo.

Note.—The copy of my periodical received is dated April, 1873. It looks familiar, for at that time I not only prepared the matter for publication, but set the type and did the printing. It has two wood engravings in it which were made by a young man, long since dead, for whom I purchased some wood and engraving tools and thus encouraged him to become an artist and engraver. My printing office, seed store and gardens were then on the old farm where I was born. Many, very many, have been the ups and downs of life since then; but by the kindness of Providence I am still serving my esteemed friends and patrons, as of yore, with seeds, bulbs and plants, and information about them. I regret that we miss the sweet association of many of my early patrons, who have passed to the Better World; but their children and grand-children still write me, and keep up the friendly feeling begun so many long years ago—a friendship that is truly appreciated and tenderly regarded. In those early days at the old farmhouse I was assisted more or less by my dear and only sister, and I am happy to say she is still with me, and gives with me her best thought and care to the wants of patrons. We have traveled all of these years together in life's pathway, and have spent the best days of our life-course in friendly and business association. I confess that I delight in my work. It has been a perpetual round of beauty and pleasure; and not the least source of the latter has been, and still is, the array of letters from my patrons, who have become my ardent friends, often because of hal-lowed associations of earlier days, or from our enthusiastic efforts to accommodate the flower-loving public with the best things in Flora's domain, and information regarding them.—Ed.

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MY OLD MISSOURI HOME.

How often, oh! how often,
While sitting here alone,
My thoughts in fancy take me
To my old Missouri home,

With its prized, familiar playground,
And the house I loved so well,
Where the big and graceful shade trees
Add so much to beauty's spell.

Where the Mocking-bird sang sweetly
Through the long and silent night,
And to hear its tuneful medley
Filled my soul with pure delight.

In the old chain swing and hammock,
Happy children then were we,
Sisters, with our hair unloosened,
Playing there beneath the tree.

Oh! I would in joy return
To my childhood's home again,
Daily cheered by birds and flowers,
Beautiful in hill and plain.

I would sit beneath the Oak trees,
And enjoy the landscape clear,
Dreaming of the by-gone hours,
Calling up full many a year.

Dixon Co., Neb., March 10, 1910. Subscriber.

Bird Enemies.—Lena Rynders, of New York, complains that boys kill many birds, and often mother birds are injured or killed and the little nestlings starve. This is true, and anyone who knows of such bird enemies should have the law executed. In most cases the parents are to blame. As they are responsible for the actions of their children, the payment of a few fines would be a good education for the entire community. As to cats, the owner should be held equally responsible. A better law, however, would be a tax on every cat, and a bounty paid out of the tax thus collected to the person reporting a depredation. The guilty cat, like the guilty sheep-killing dog, should then be put out of the way.

FROM OKLAHOMA.

Mr. Park:—In September of 1901 I crossed the country from Anadarko, then a city of tents, to Perry in a covered wagon. If I mistake not, we camped that first night in the valley of Sugar Creek. There I saw myriads of evening-blooming, starry, double, white flowers on plants two and three feet high. I never saw these anywhere else. Also, there grew there a Canary-colored Primrose, very like the white-flowered ones of Kay County and Southern Kansas.

In Kay and Noble counties I find a plant about eight inches high. From June till September it is simply covered with pink, star-like flowers. It grows in such profusion as to seem like a pink carpet over the ground. Occasionally white ones are also found, but they are scarce. I tried to transplant them, but failed. I also tried to gather seeds, but they failed to grow.

There are two species of Goldenrod here. One grows tall, with long, feathery spikes of deliciously fragrant blossoms. The other is of low growth, with short, compact heads of bloom, and fragrant. The Calliopsis is a native of this county also. Here, too, the Bush Morning-glory reaches as near perfection as it is possible for a plant to be, but I have failed to transplant it successfully.

Mrs. Nellie Hosbrough.
Ponca City, Okla., March 26, 1910.

Seedlings.—Last year among some currants and gooseberries which I was canning were a number of unfit ones, which I rejected and threw away in a certain place, giving them no further heed. A few weeks later I discovered a lot of baby seedlings. This spring I have to transplant quite a number of plants three inches high; currants and gooseberries; very thrifty and promising.

Mrs. R. Winter.
Hamilton Co., Ohio, April 2, 1910.

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EXCHANGES.

Red Raspberry, Dewberry, Loganberry, etc. for flowering plants. Write. Mrs. Lillian Keery, Plaza, Wash. Lily of the Valley, Pæonies, Iris for Iris Florentine white. Mrs. Benning, 815 Harper St., Whitewater, Wis. Flower seeds for flower seeds. Write. Helen M. Baynes, Salem, Ind.

Rhododendrons and Winter Geraniums for other plants. Mrs. B. Runion, Walnut Run, N. C.

Lilies, Ivy, Narcissus, Gladiolus for Spotted Calla, Begonias, etc. M. Fanquhar, Sugartown, La.

Seed, plants, Palms for Pæonies, Lily of the Valley, Water Lilies. Mrs. I. E. Pearsall, Nordhoff, Cal. B. 203.

Lilies for Cannas, Gladiolus or Chrysanthemums. Miss M. S. Young, Ripley, N. Y.

Trumpet Creeper and Passion Vine for Golden Glow, etc. Mrs. B. F. Hindman, Kilgore, Tex. R. 3. B. 13.

Dahlia bulbs for Lily Auratum and other Lilies. Georgia Nelson, Spring Lake, Mich.

Perennial seeds for Blackberry Lily and other choice Lilies. Mrs. S. E. Bendler, Butler, Ohio. B. 10.

Rooted Christmas Cactus for other Cactus, Iris, etc. Mrs. L. G. Holt, 3708 Upton Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Seeds and bulbs for others. Write first. Miss H. Gallup, Geneva, N. Y. R. 3.

Dahlia, Madeira Tubers or Oxalis for other bulbs or plants. Write. Mrs. S. T. Price, Liverpool, N. Y.

Seeds of Zinnia, Marigold, Phlox, Aster for Rambler Rose, Gladiolus. A. J. Prince, 30 C St., Detroit, Mich.

Choice named Dahlias, Gladiolus for named Perennials, etc. Write. Chas. G. Babcock, Westport, Mass.

Gladiolus and Canna roots for Perennial Phlox or bulbs. Mrs. Birdie Eastwood, Osgood, Mo.

Seeds of Wisteria, Flowering Bean, etc., for Baby Rambler. Write. Florence Judkins, New Virginia, Ia.

Gladiolus for Double Dahlias or Golden Glow. Write first. Mrs. Redmon, Somerset, Colo.

Oxalis, Geranium slips, etc., for Chrys'ms, Dahlias or Fuchsias. Mrs. Frank Fox, Adrian, Mich. R. 5.

Ferns, Violets, Gera'm cuttings for Roses, Fuchsias. Wm. Brogle, 420 N. Prejur St., New Orleans, La.

Cape Jasmine plants for other plants. Write. Miss A. W. Jennings, Ruckersville, Va.

Pæonies, Geraniums, Iris for Tulips, Tritoma and Lilies. Adela A. Ragle, Velpen, Ind. R. 25.

Chrysanthemums for house plants. Mary Fulcher, Leasburg, N. O.

Seeds of Balsam, Poppy, Dahlia for Geraniums or Grass Pinks. Mrs. M. E. Trow, Avoca, Minn.

QUESTIONS.

Cactus.—I have a Cactus that has bloomed for two years, bearing beautiful violet and white, Lily-shaped flowers, each flower on a stem about five inches long. What is its name?—Mrs. Doyle, Ga.

Myrtle (Corrected).—Is the "Bonnie Bog Myrtle," which adds a floral touch to the caps of some of the brave clansmen in literature, identical with the wild Myrtle we know?—Laura White, Cal.

Oxalis.—I have a seedling Oxalis with four-parted leaf in which there is a distinct chocolate zone. It does not have a tuberous root. It stands erect, much like Oxalis ortegae. What is its name?—J. A. S., Me., March 1, 1910.

Cactus.—Why do my Cactus buds fail to open? The bud and stem will become a foot long, then suddenly drop. The plant has broad, flat foliage, and the flower is white, double and as large as a large teacup.

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